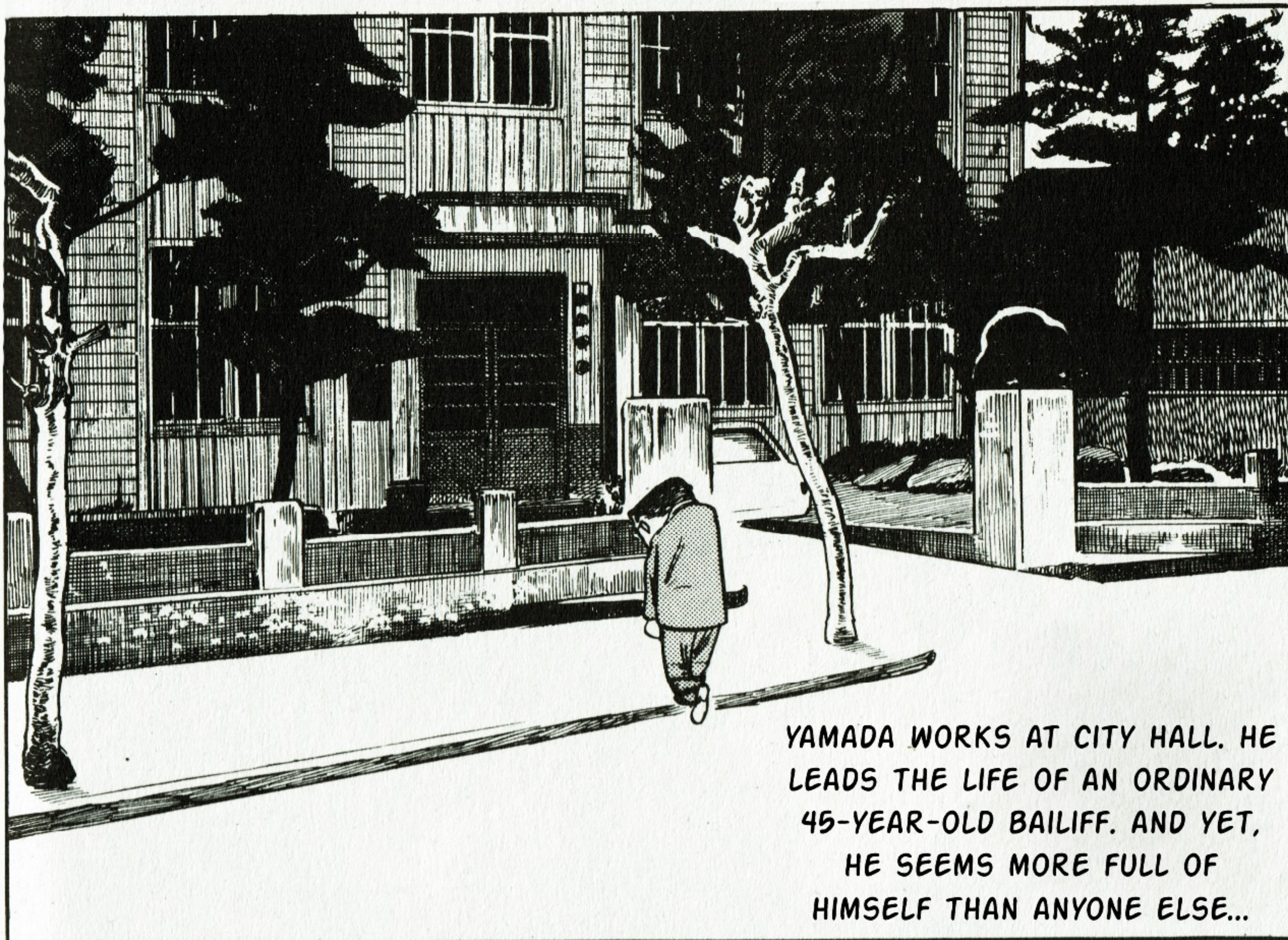


不思議の手帖

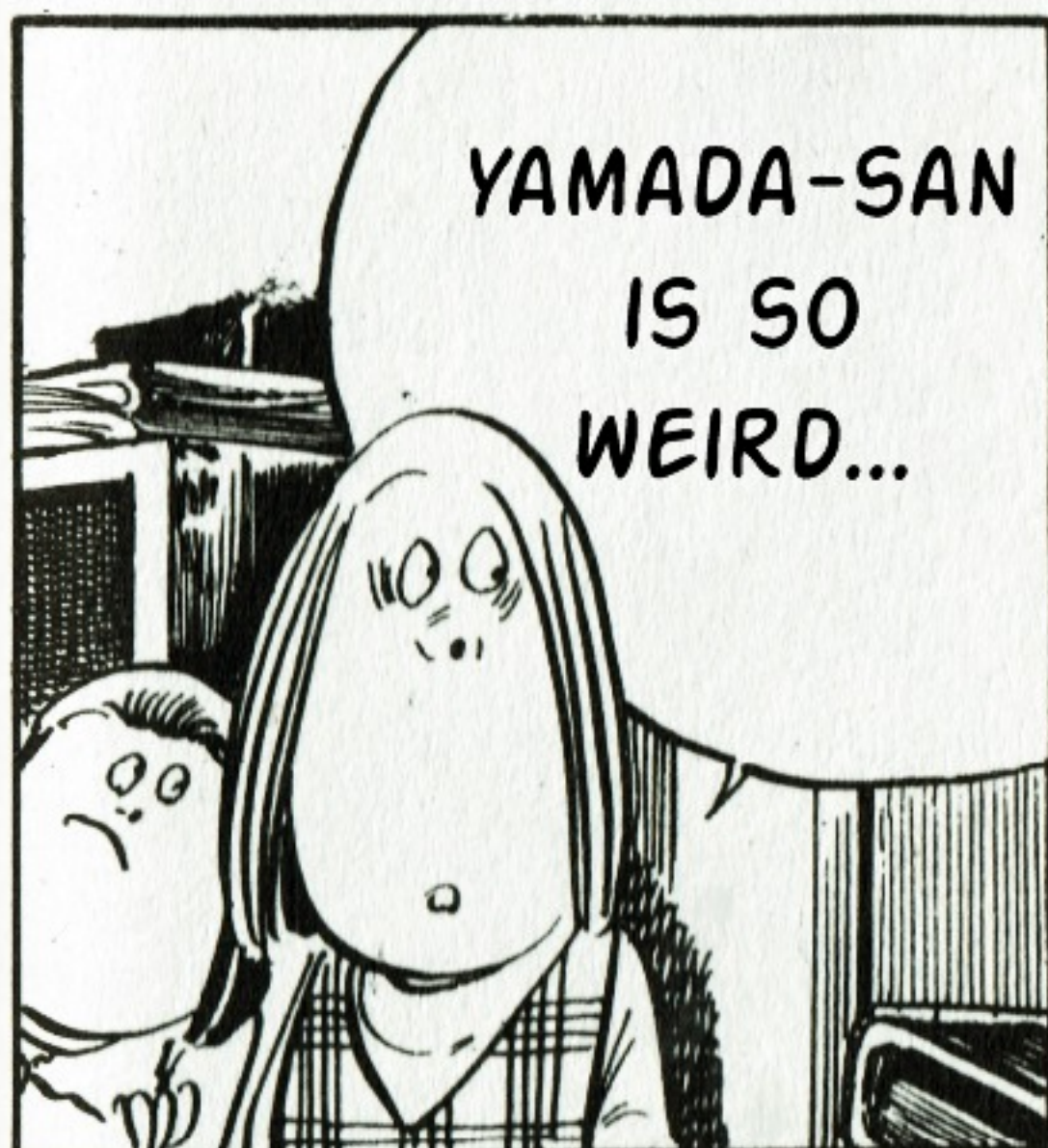
THE MIRACULOUS NOTEBOOK

PRESENTED BY SHIGERU MIZUKI

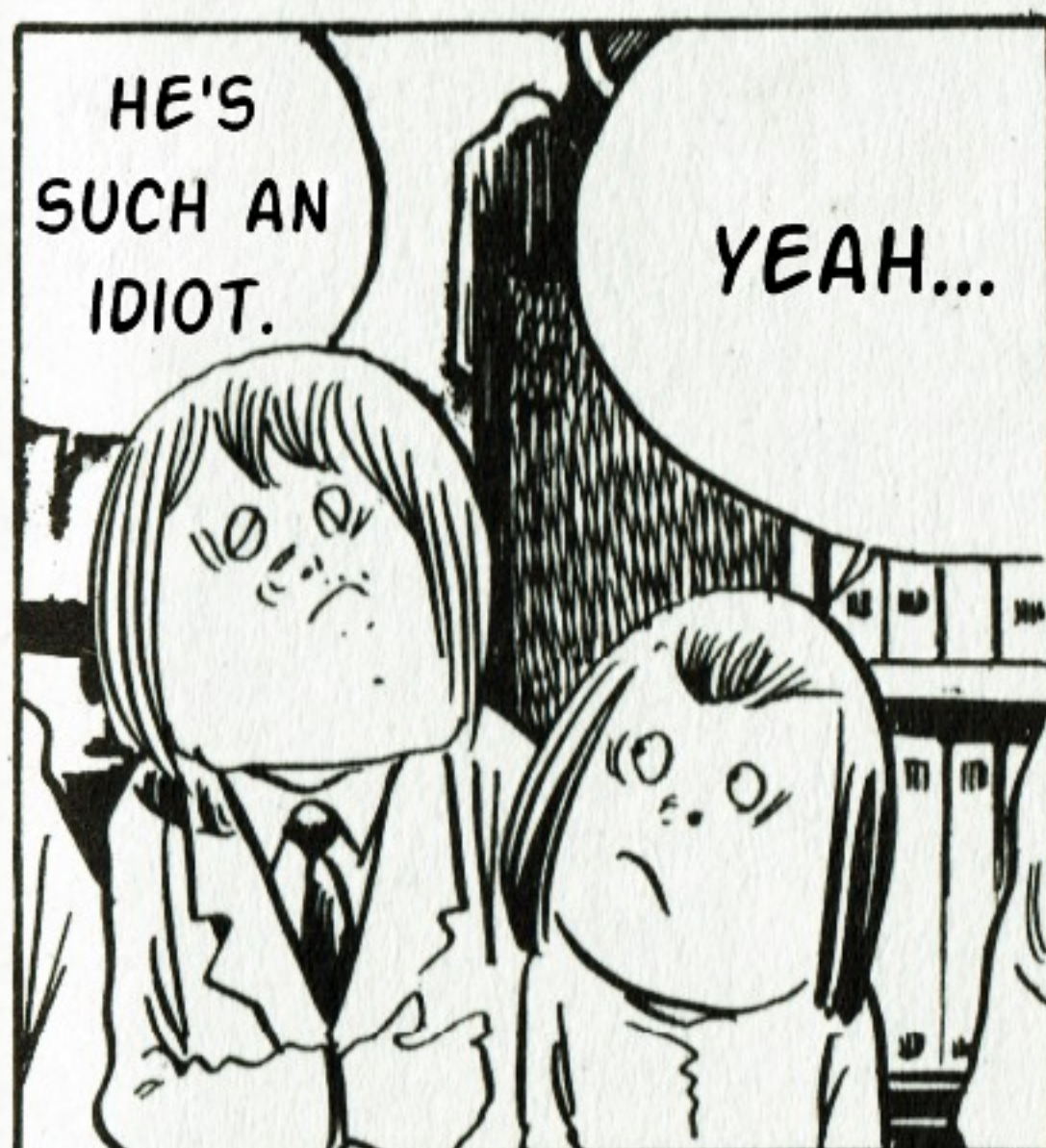




YAMADA WORKS AT CITY HALL. HE
LEADS THE LIFE OF AN ORDINARY
45-YEAR-OLD BAILIFF. AND YET,
HE SEEMS MORE FULL OF
HIMSELF THAN ANYONE ELSE...

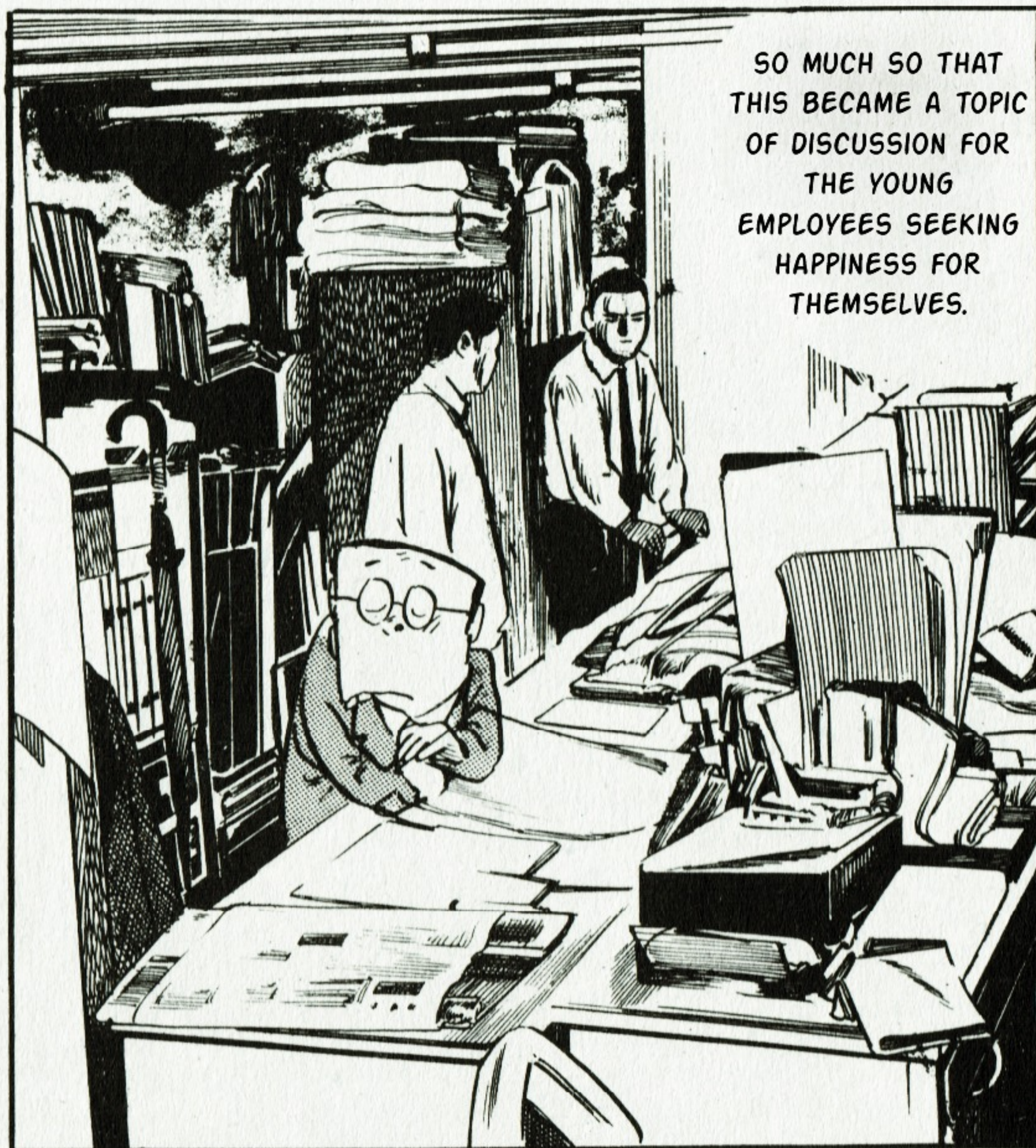


YAMADA-SAN
IS SO
WEIRD...

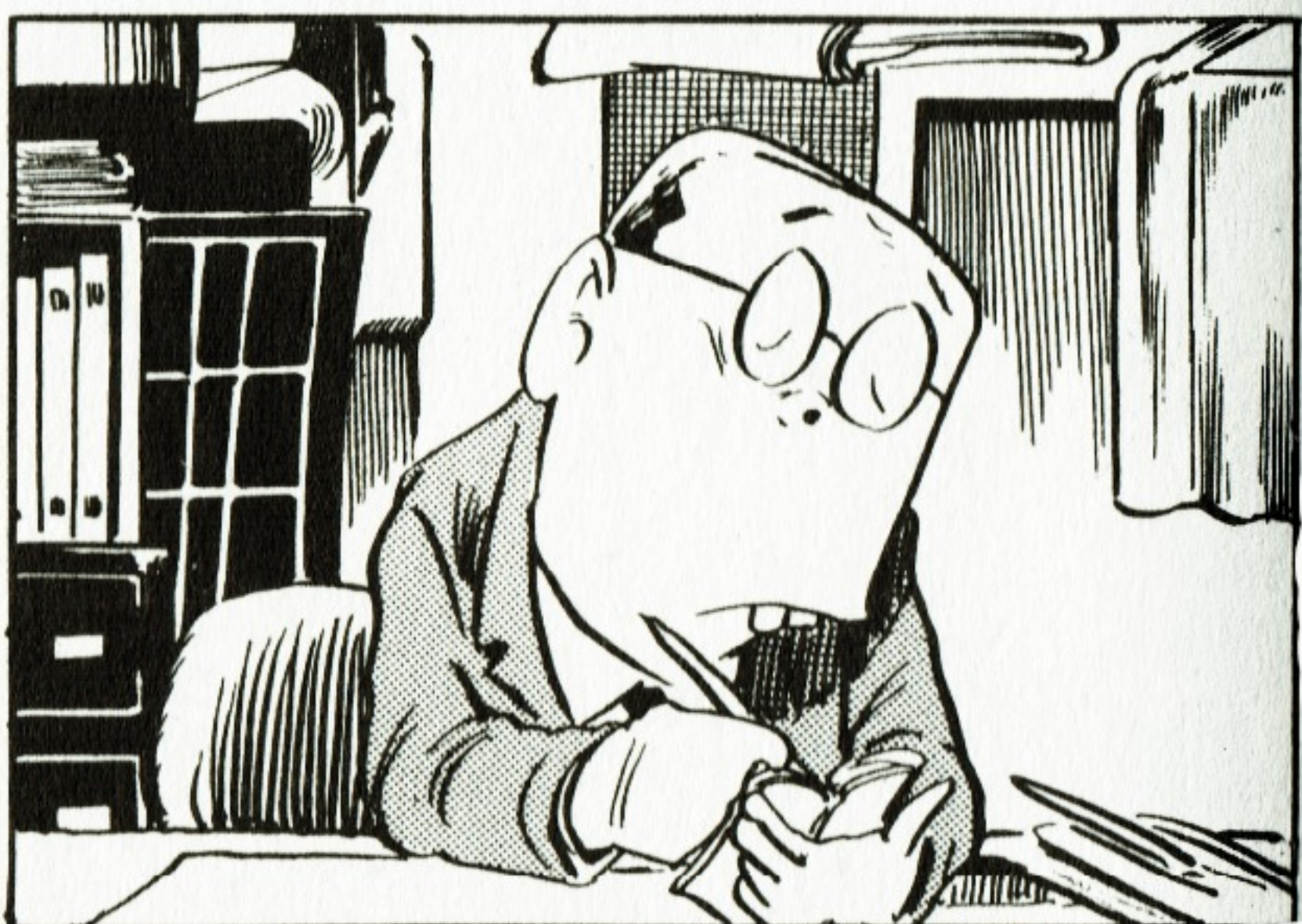
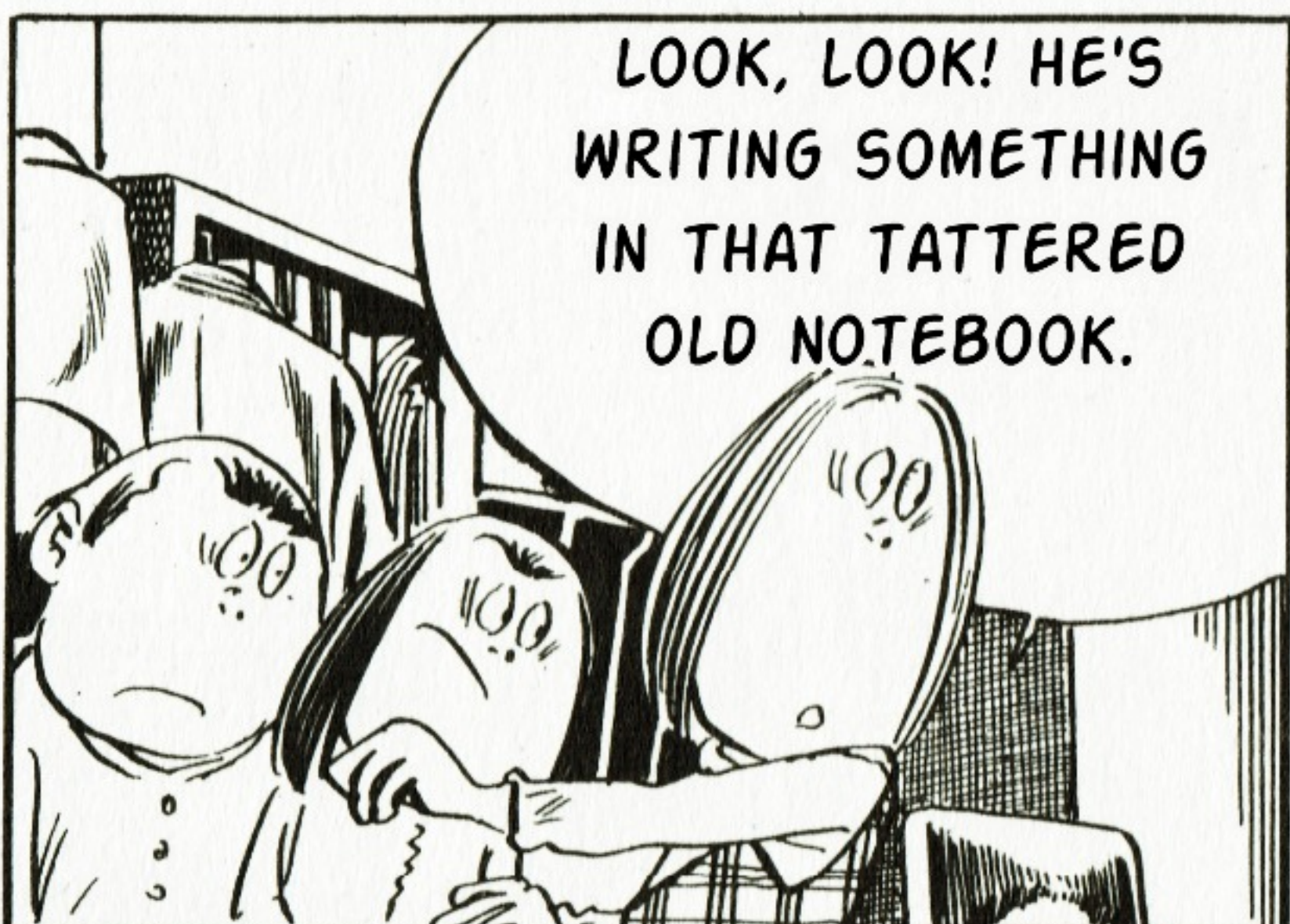
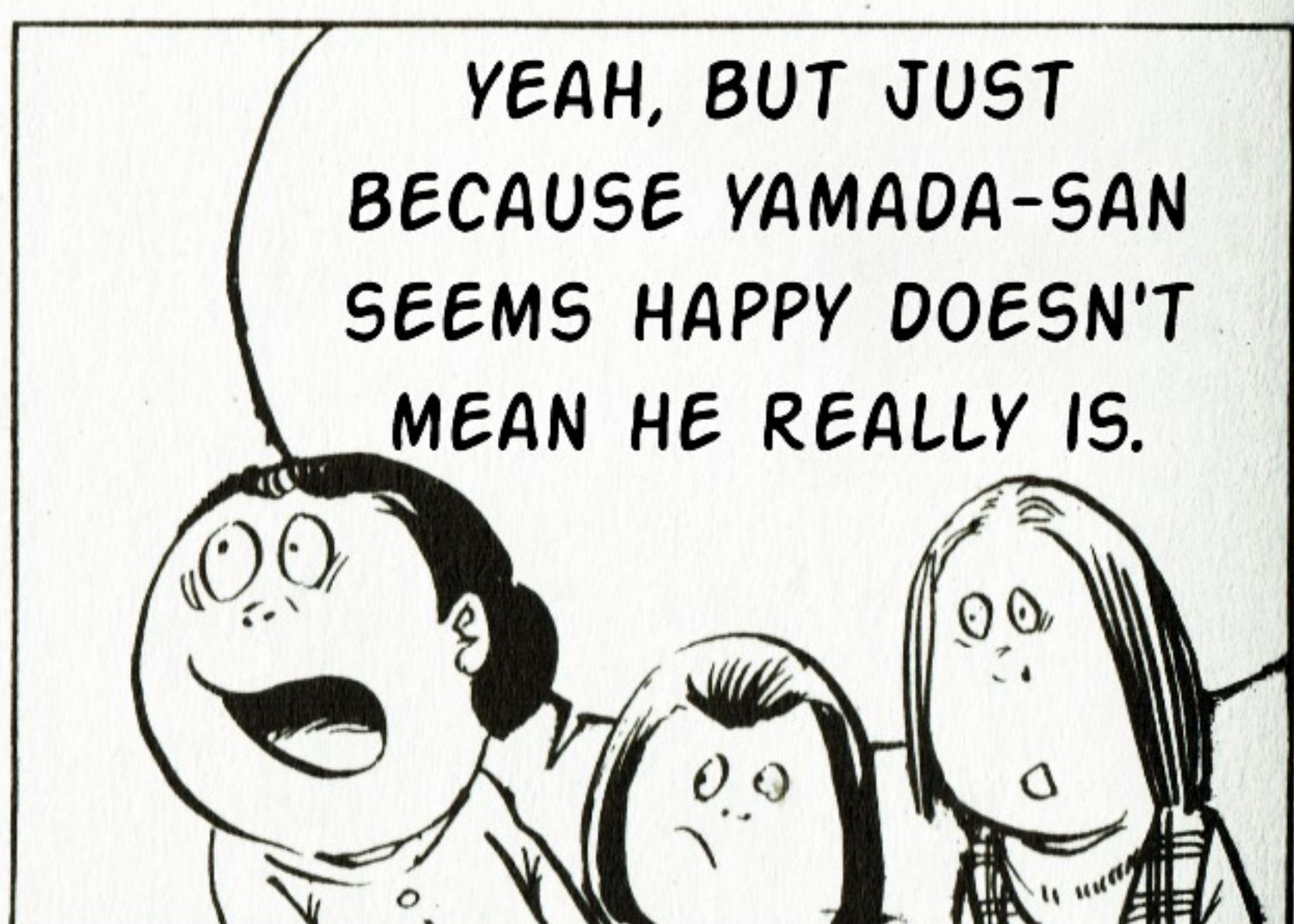
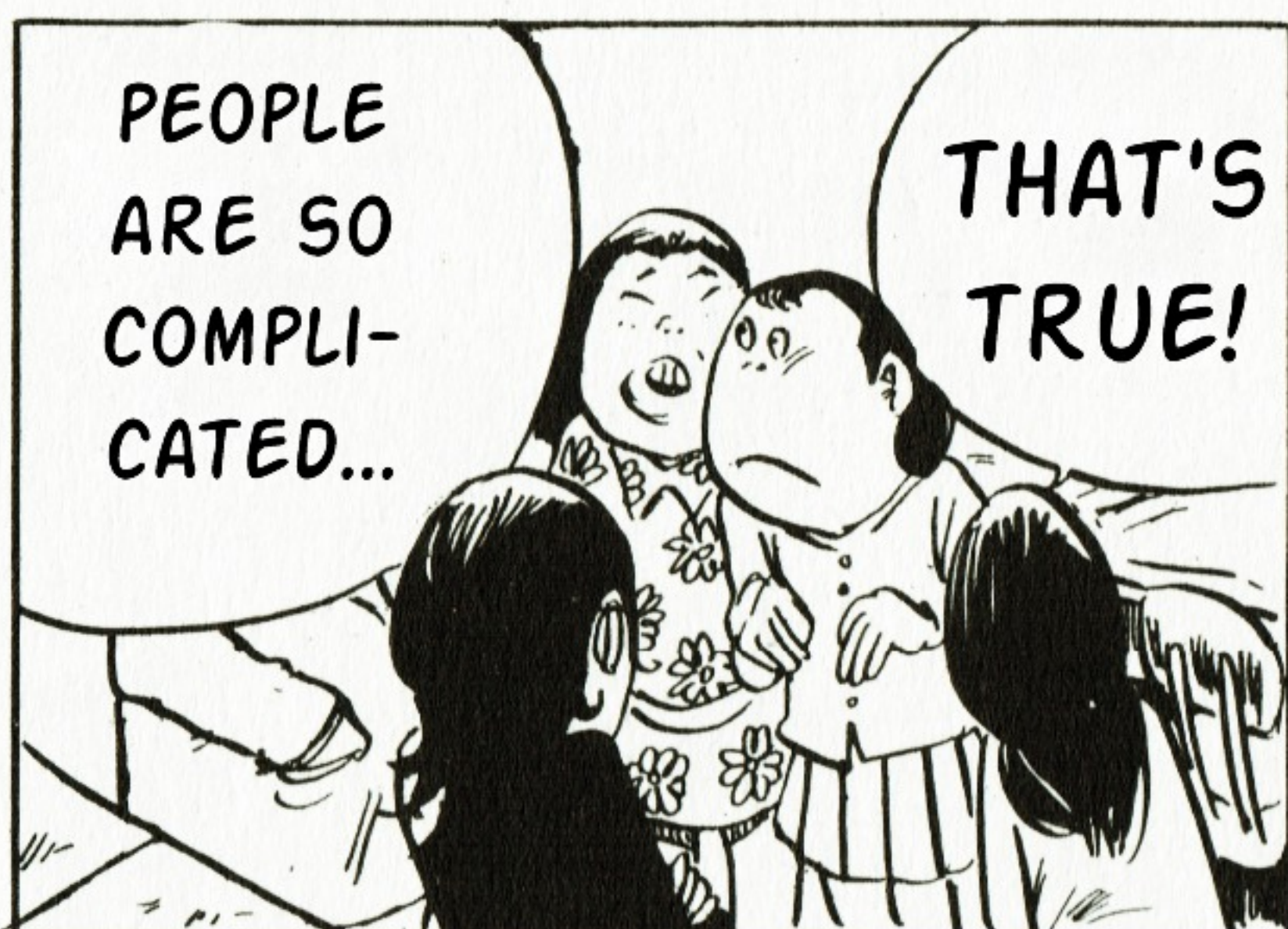
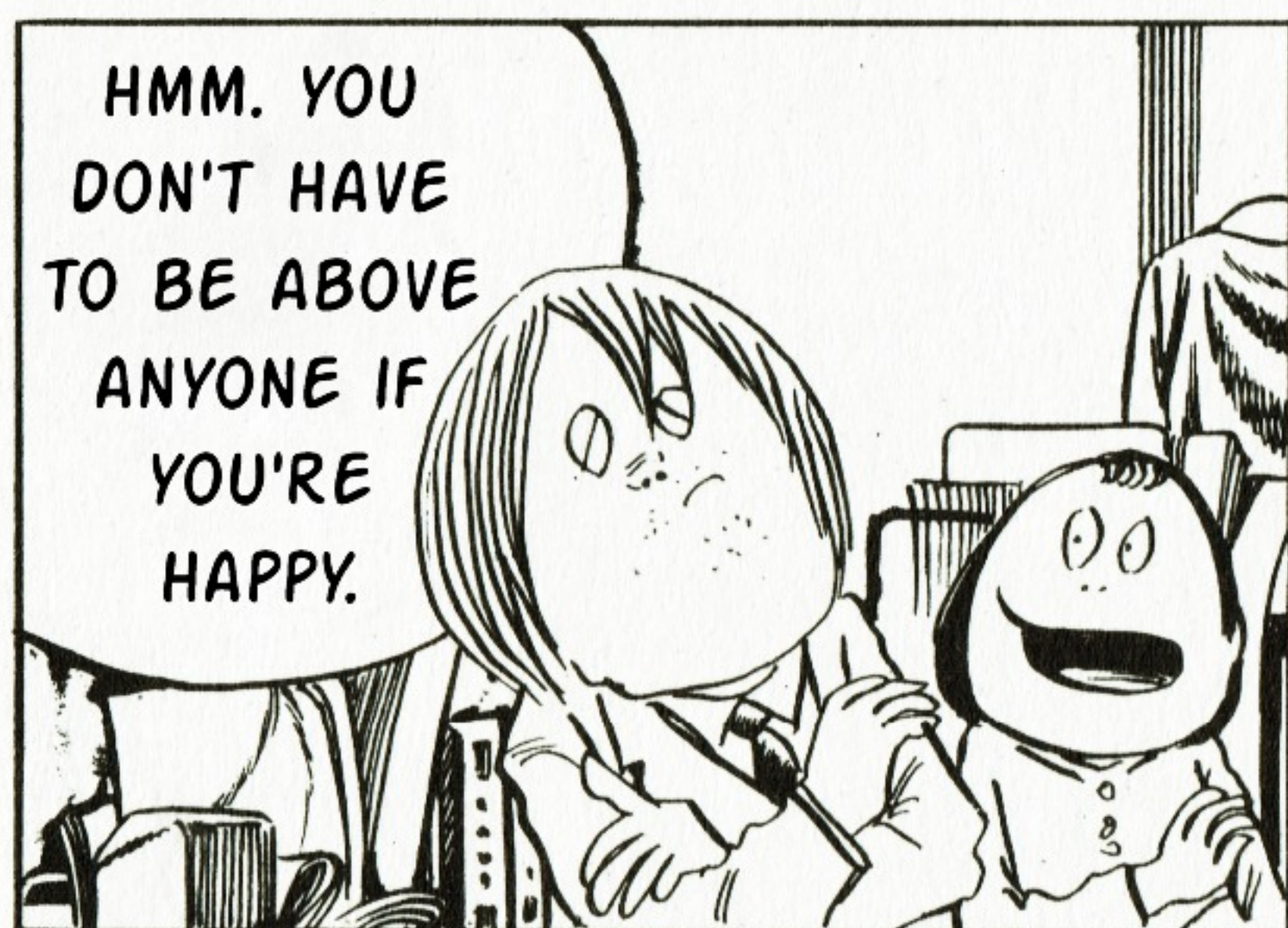
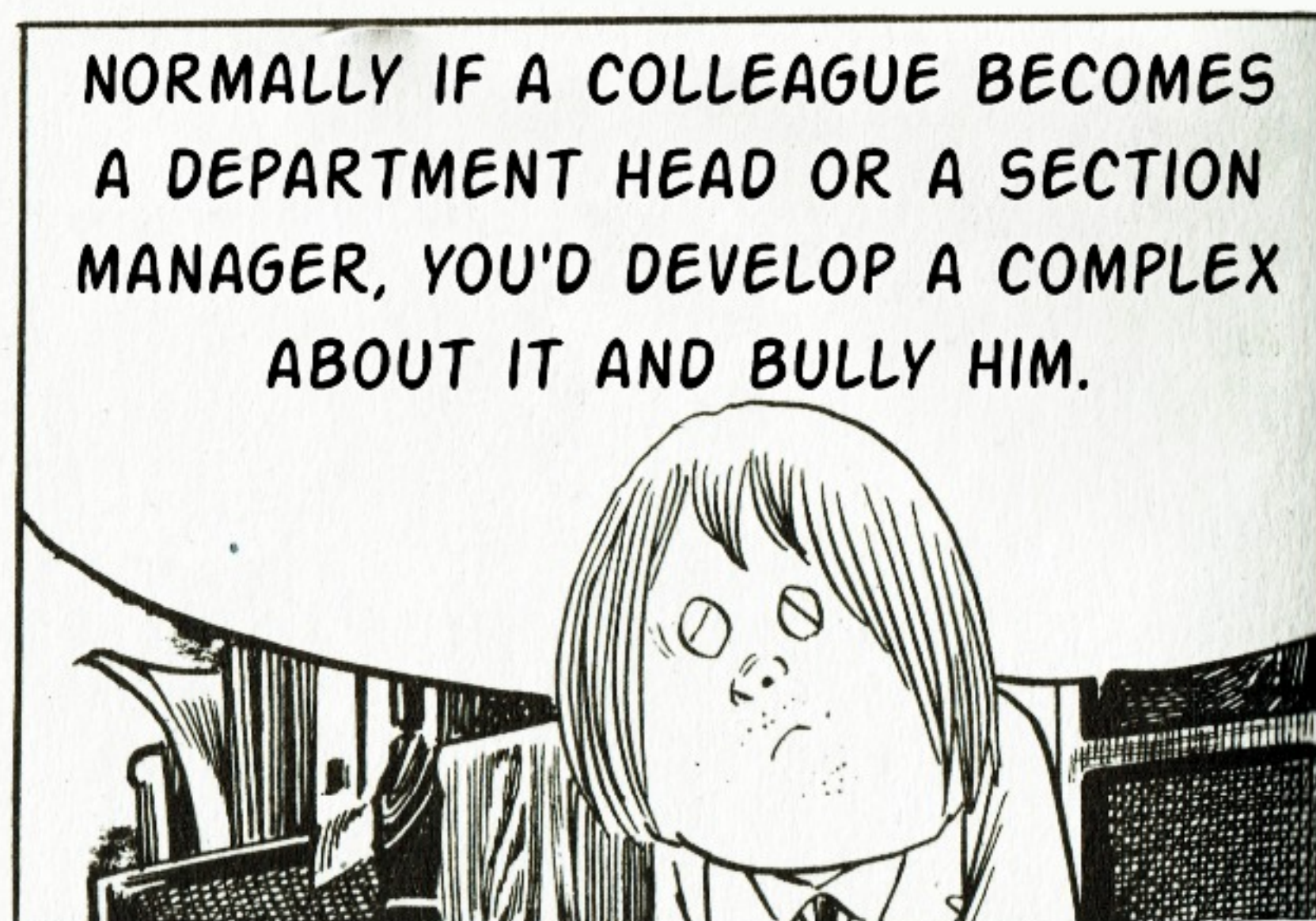


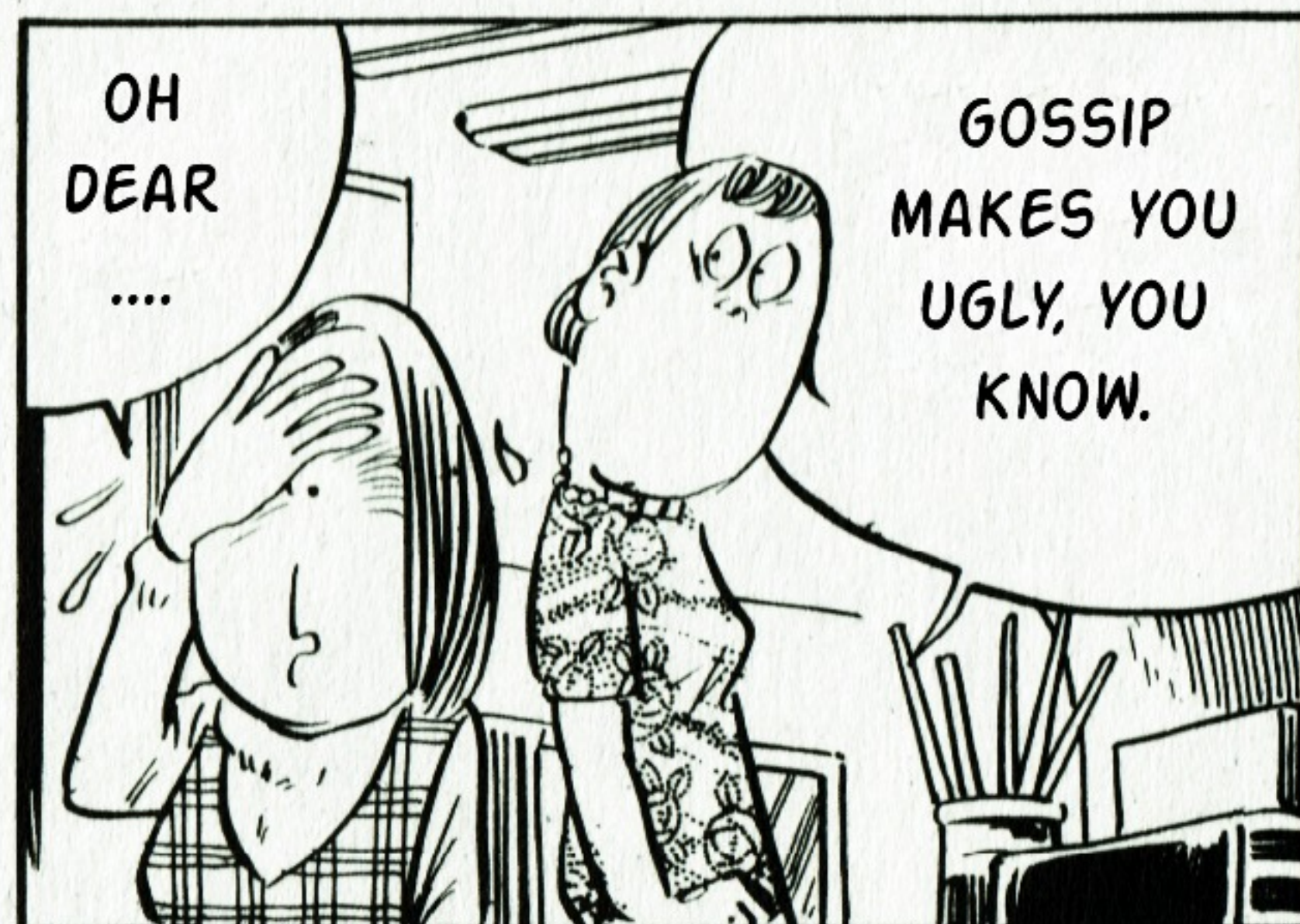
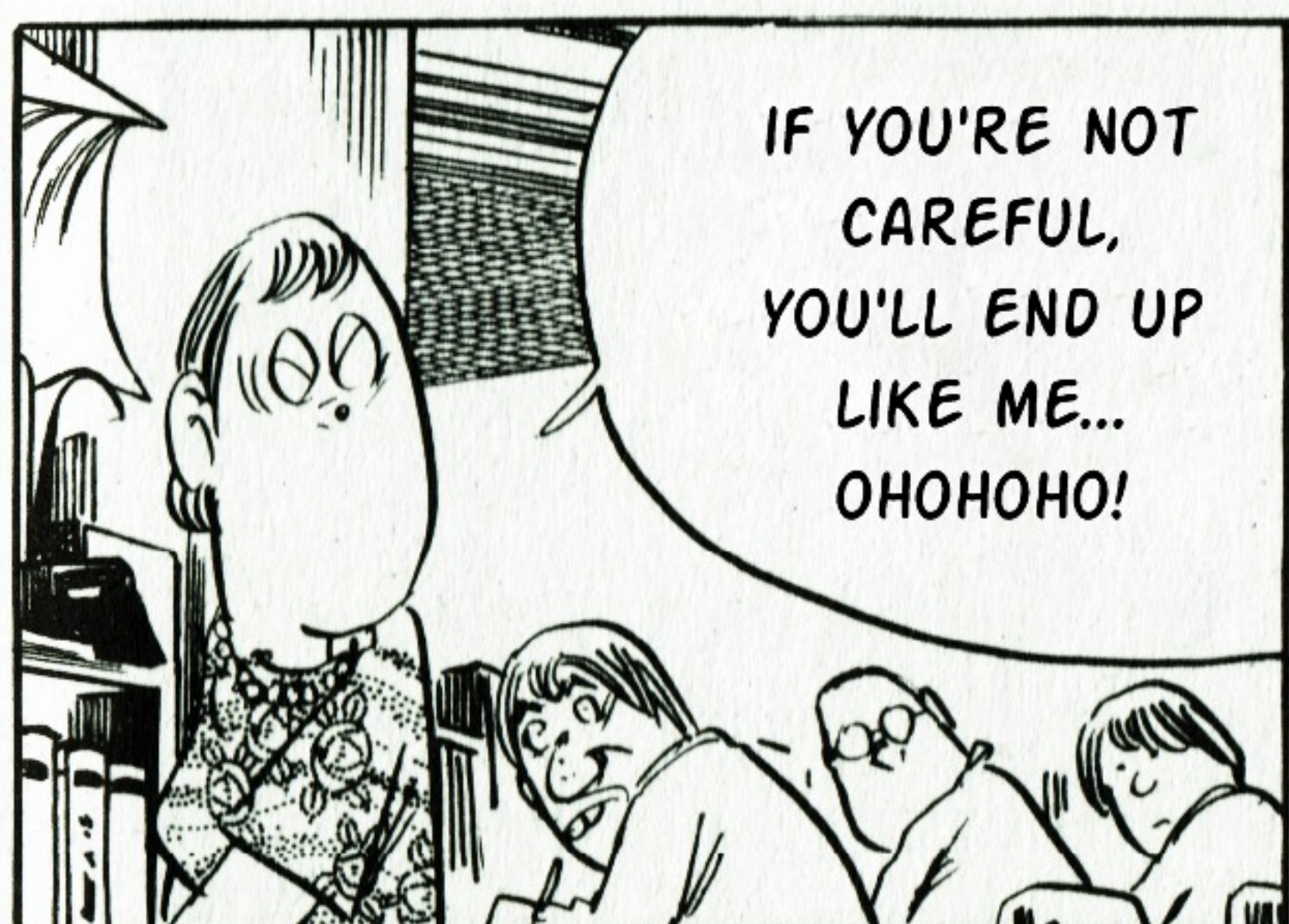
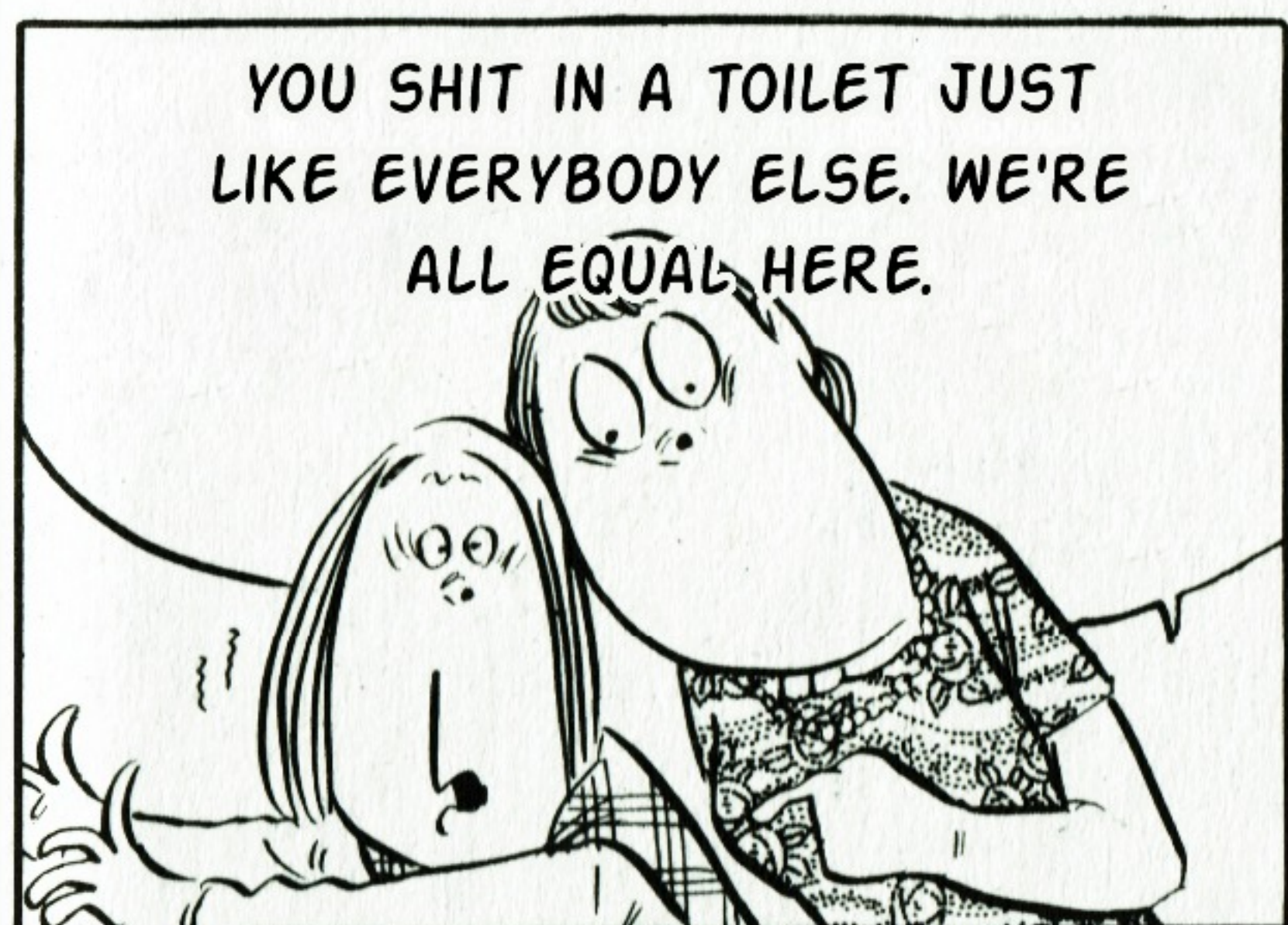
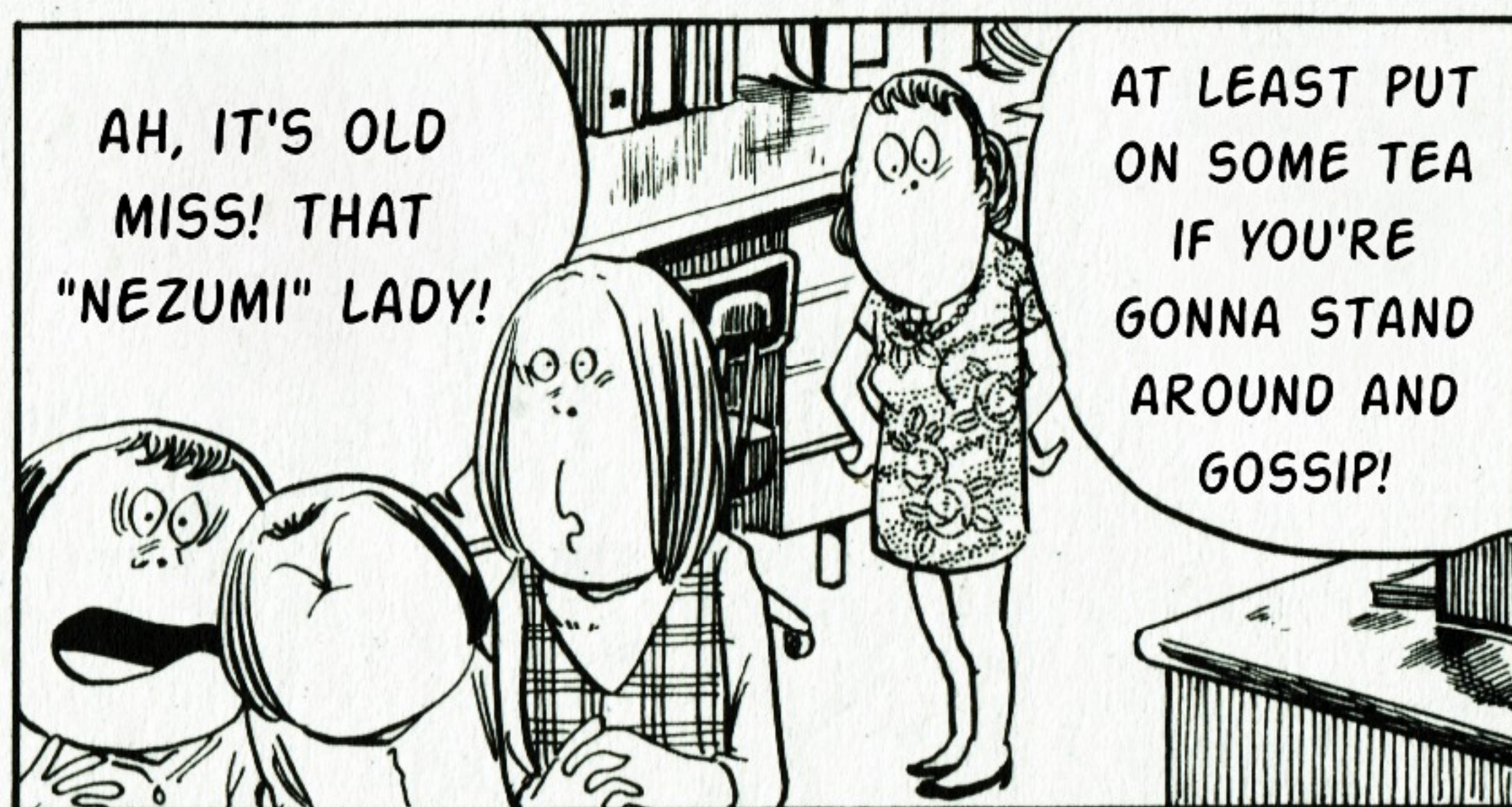
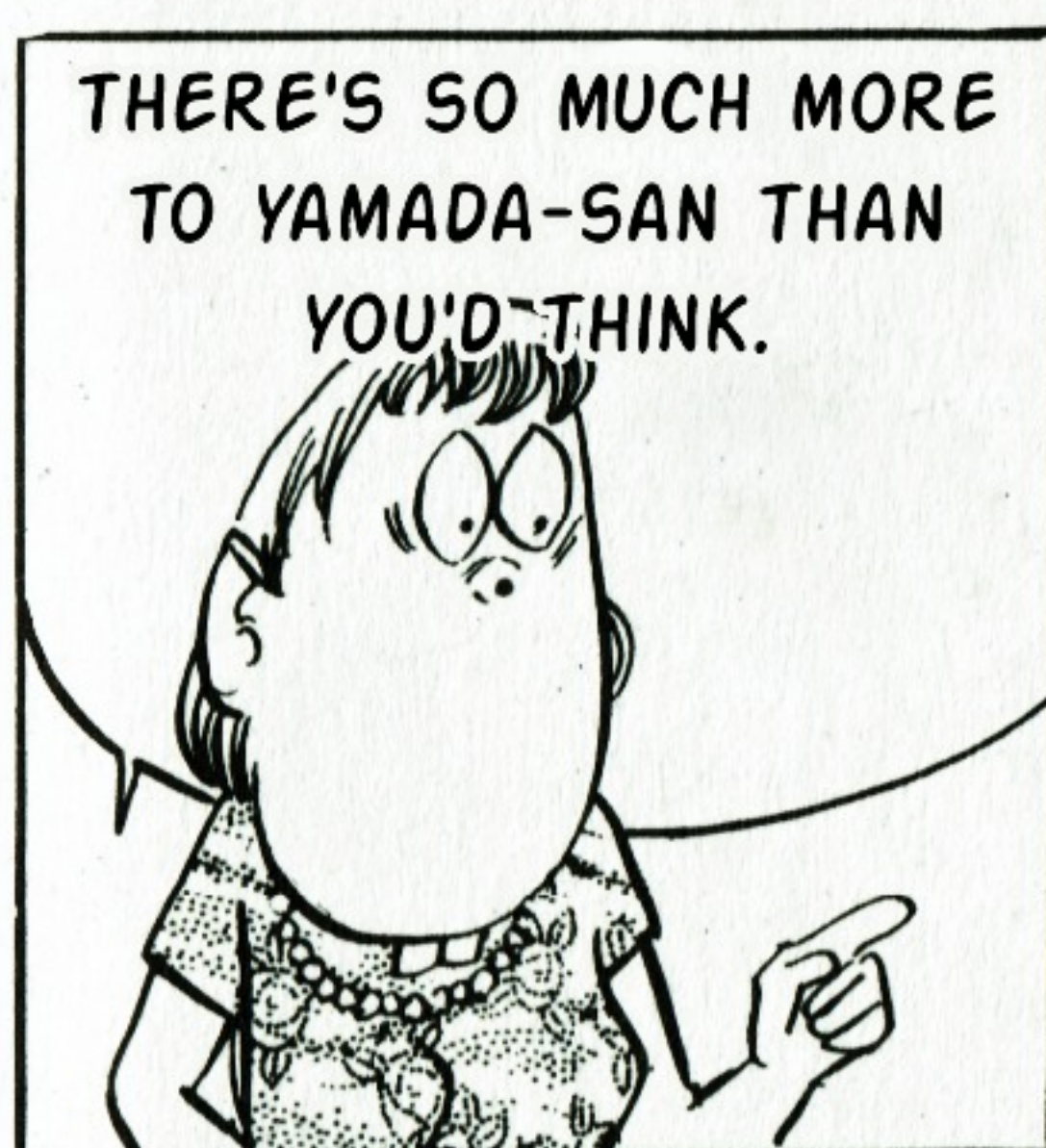
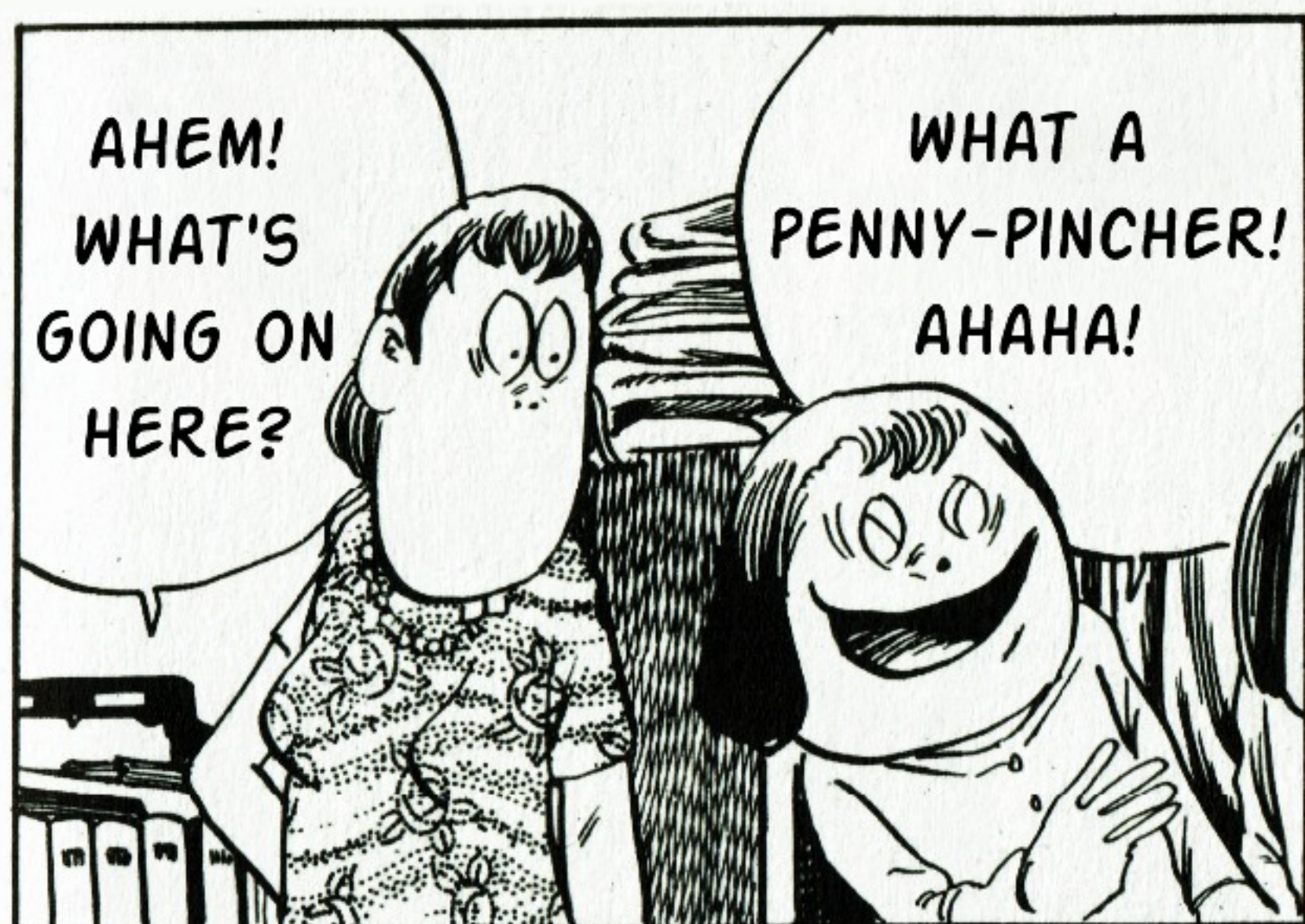
HE'S
SUCH AN
IDIOT.

YEAH...



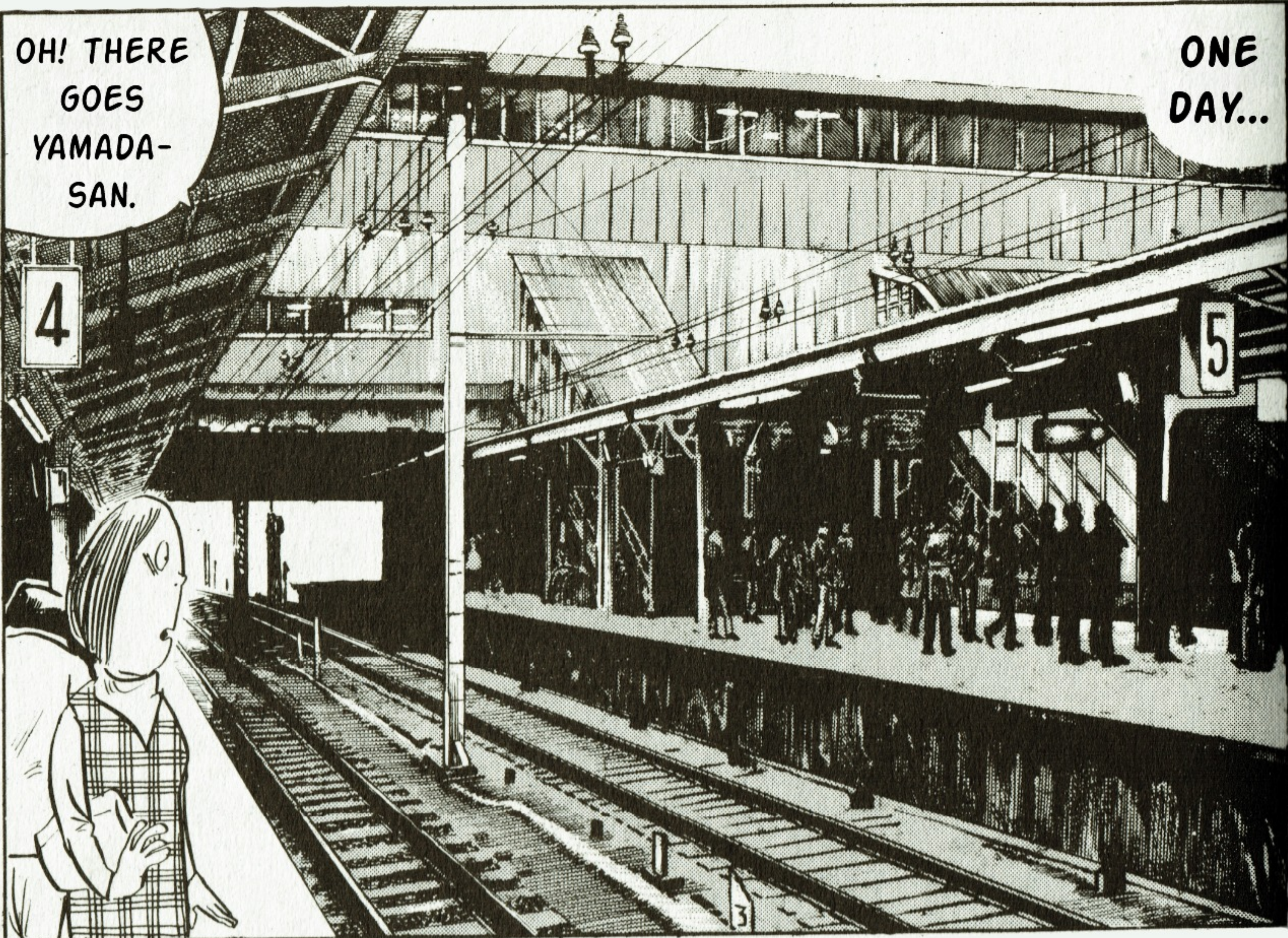
SO MUCH SO THAT
THIS BECAME A TOPIC
OF DISCUSSION FOR
THE YOUNG
EMPLOYEES SEEKING
HAPPINESS FOR
THEMSELVES.





OH! THERE
GOES
YAMADA-
SAN.

ONE
DAY...

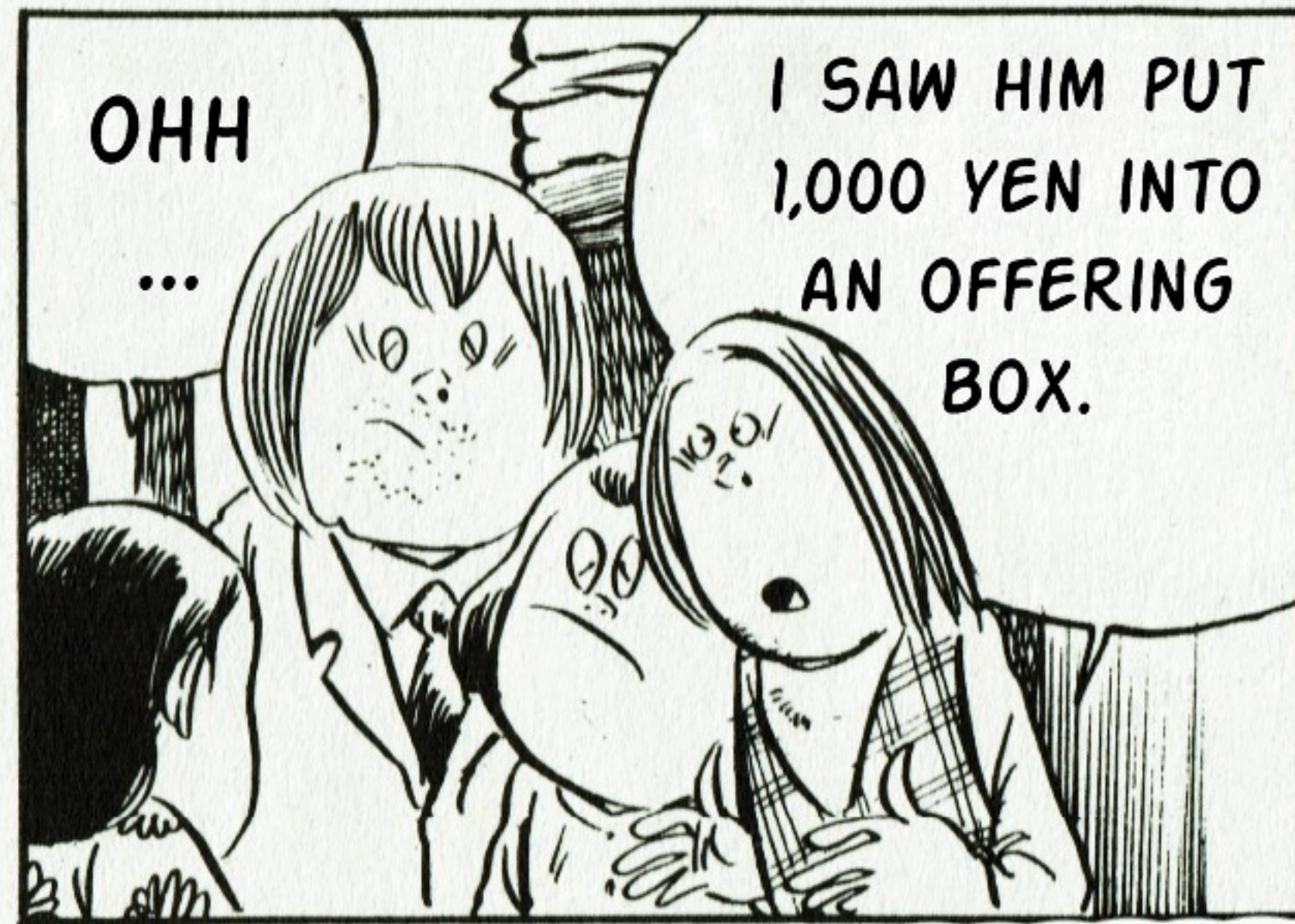
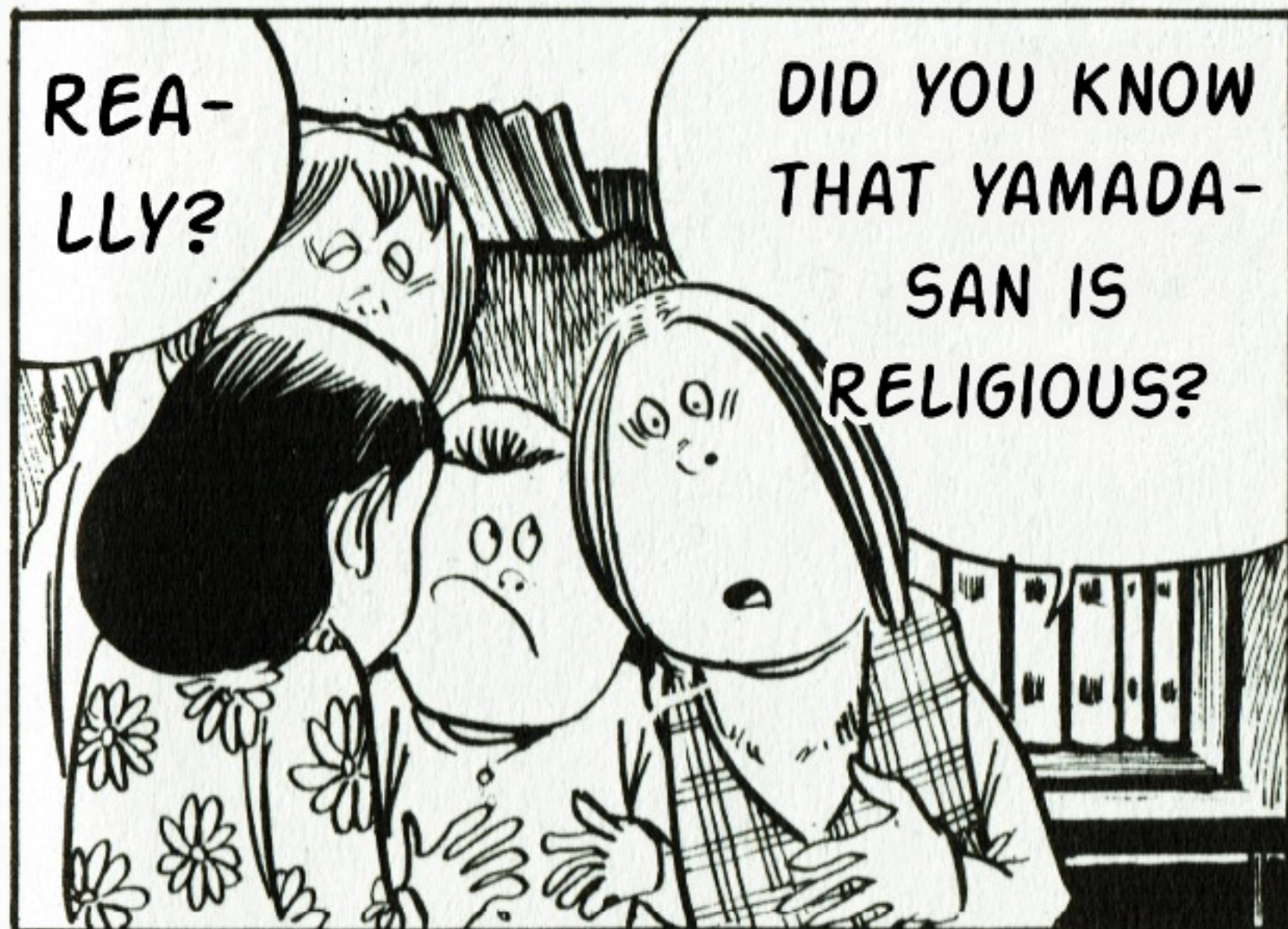
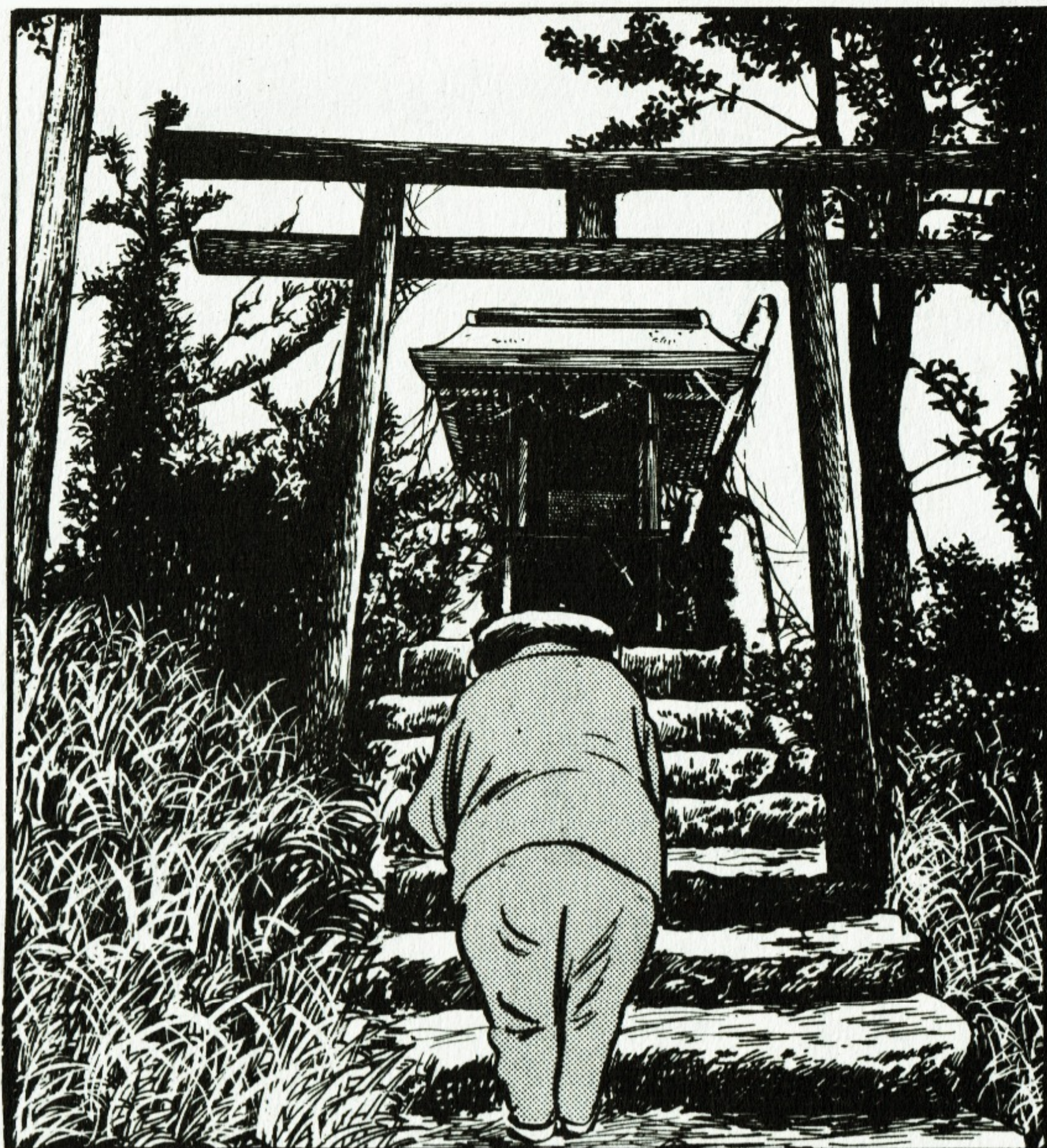


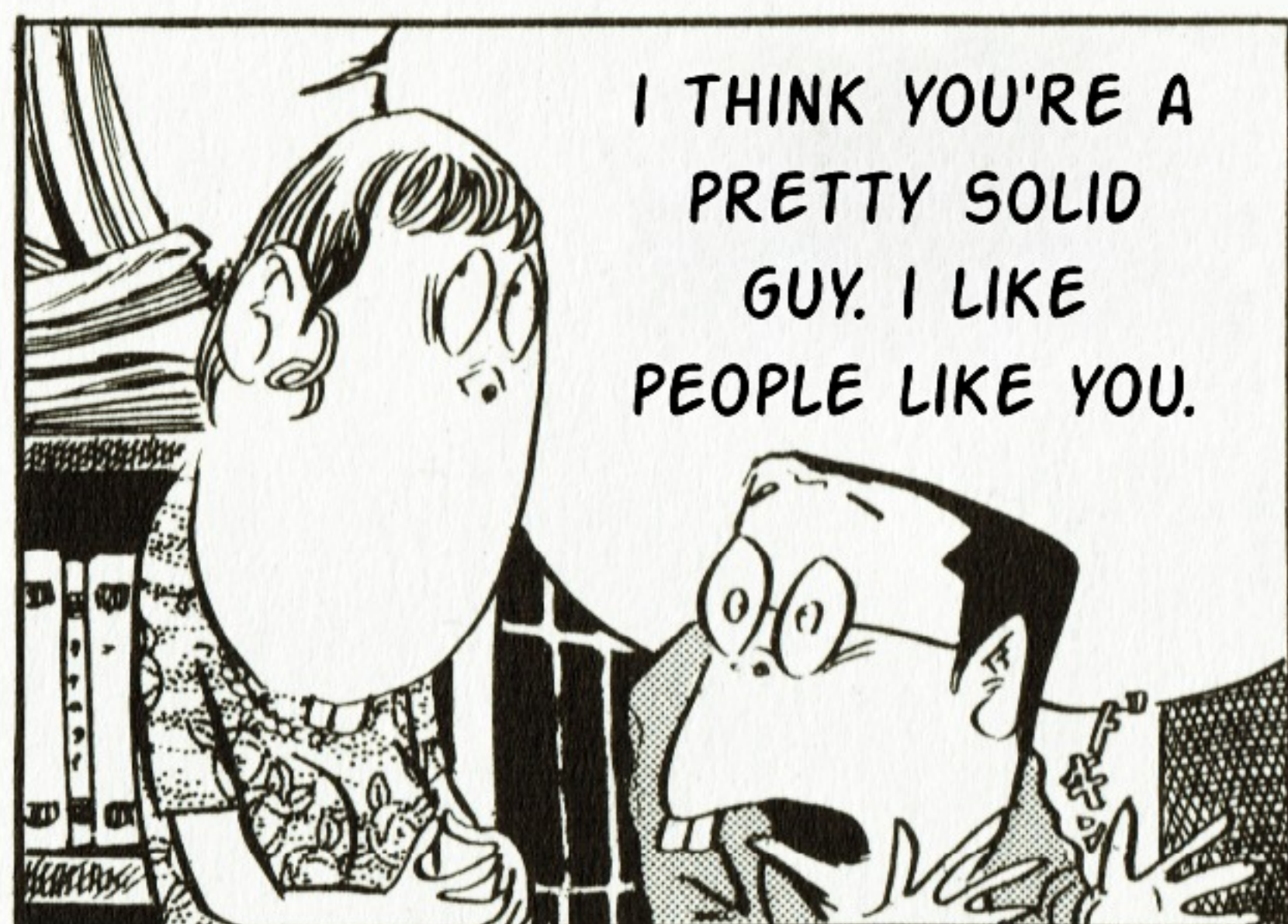
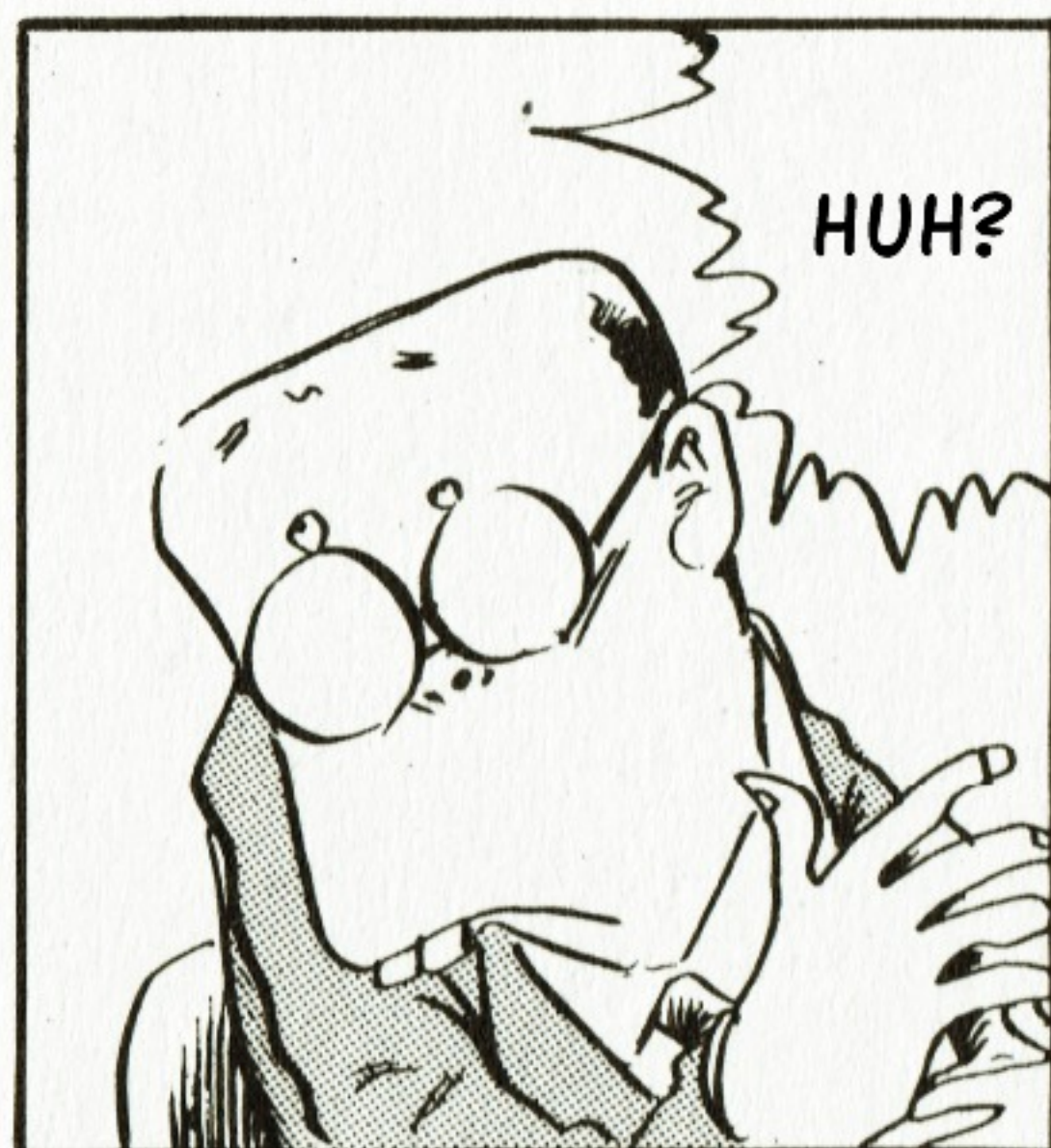
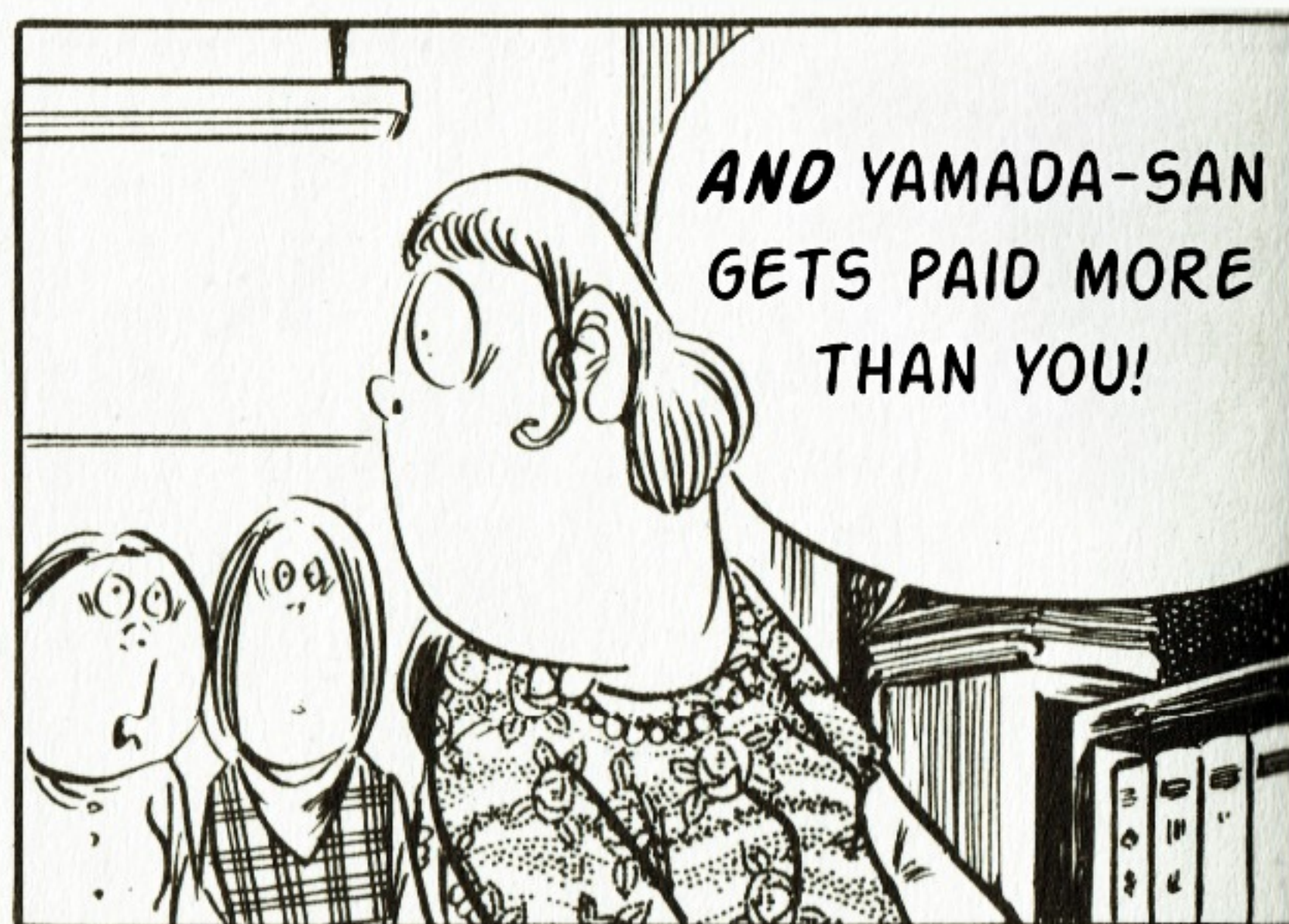
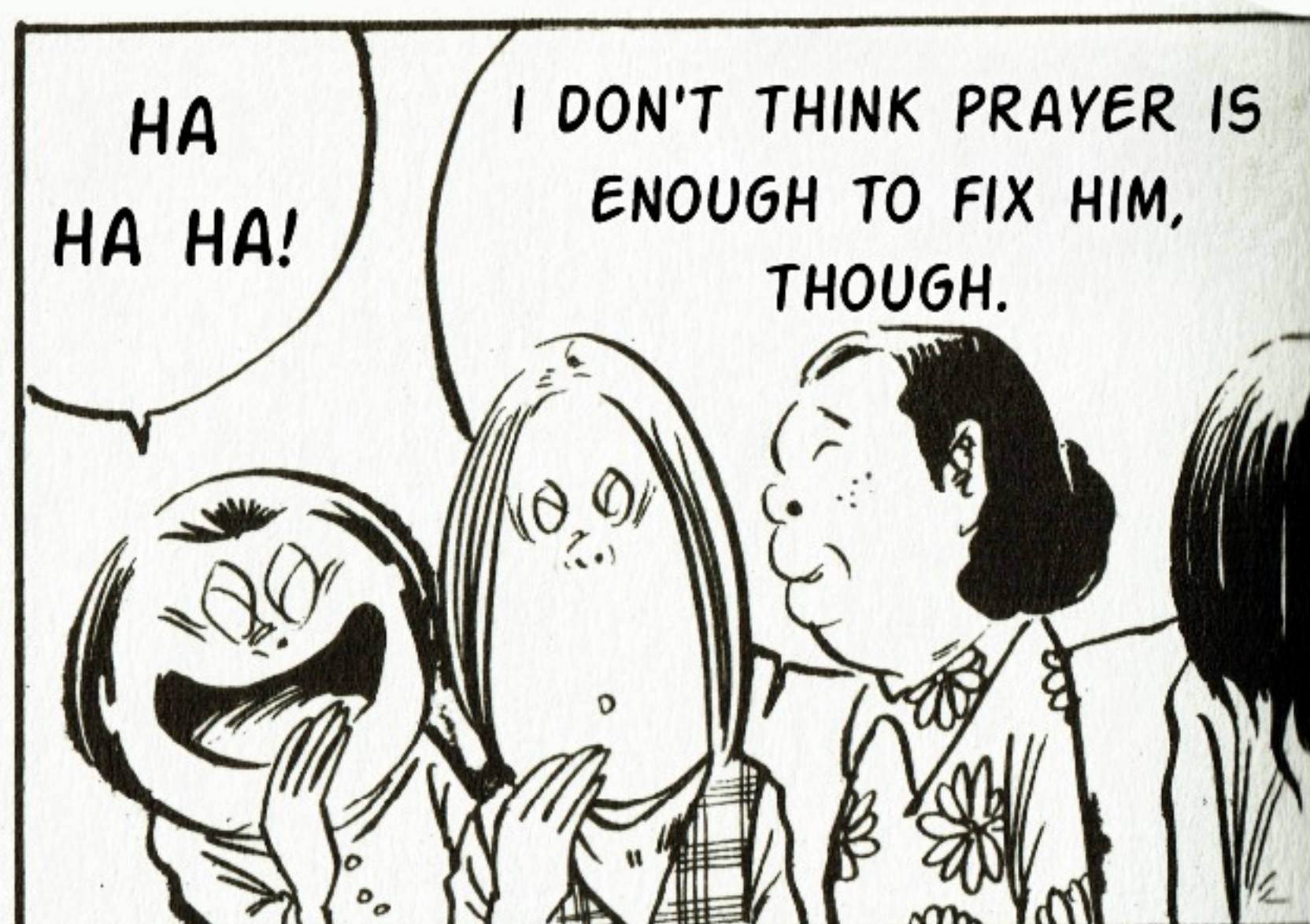
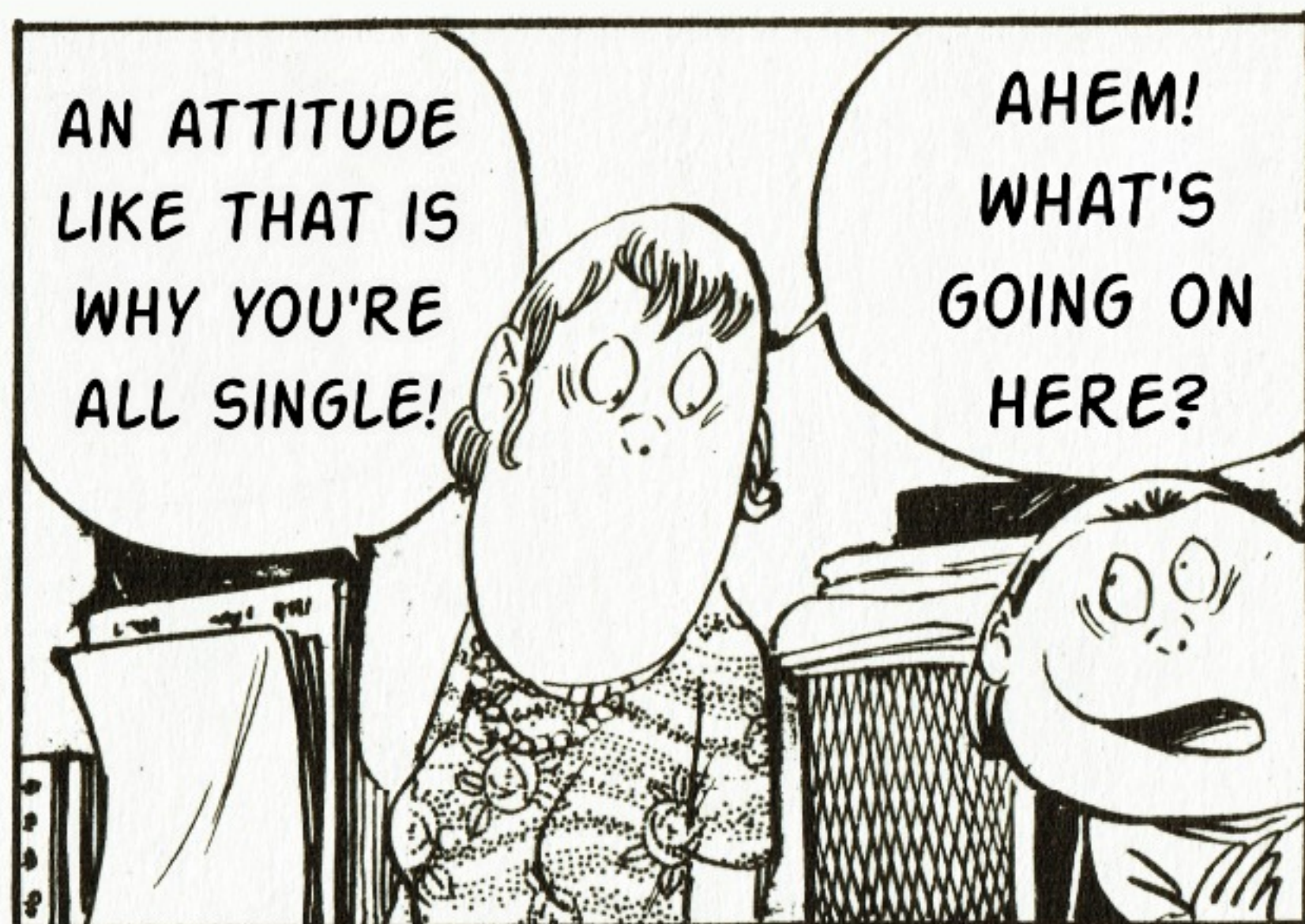
HOW FAR
IS HE
GOING TO
GO...?

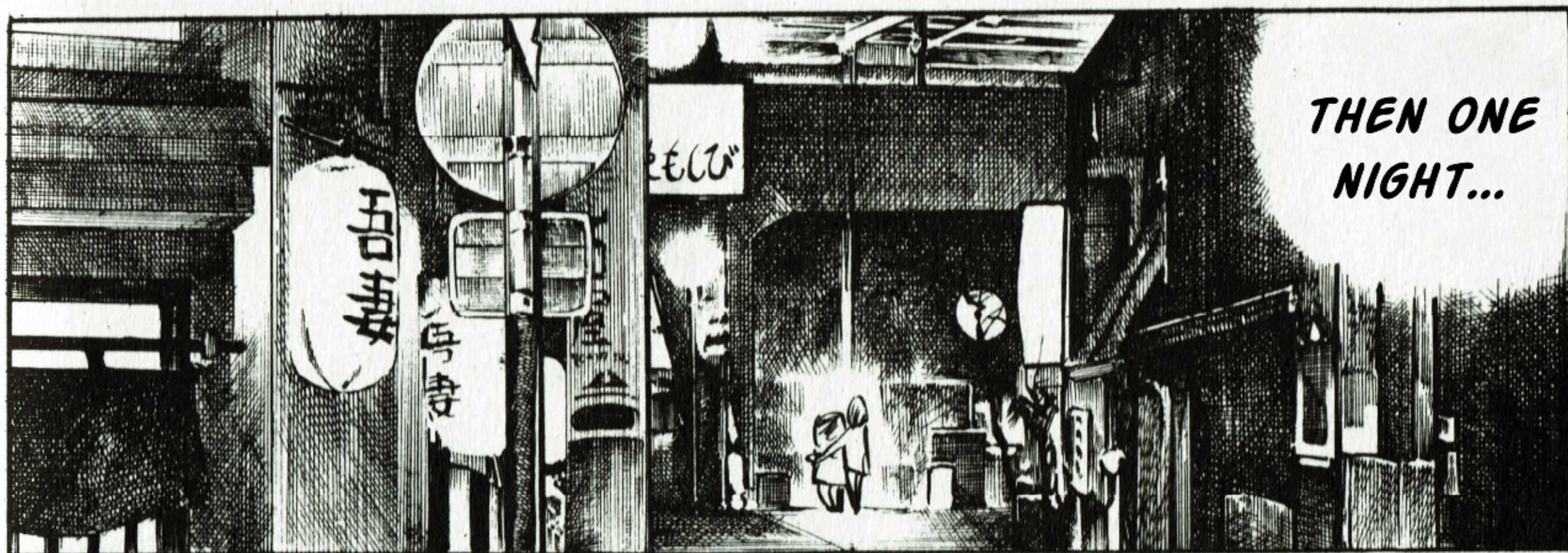
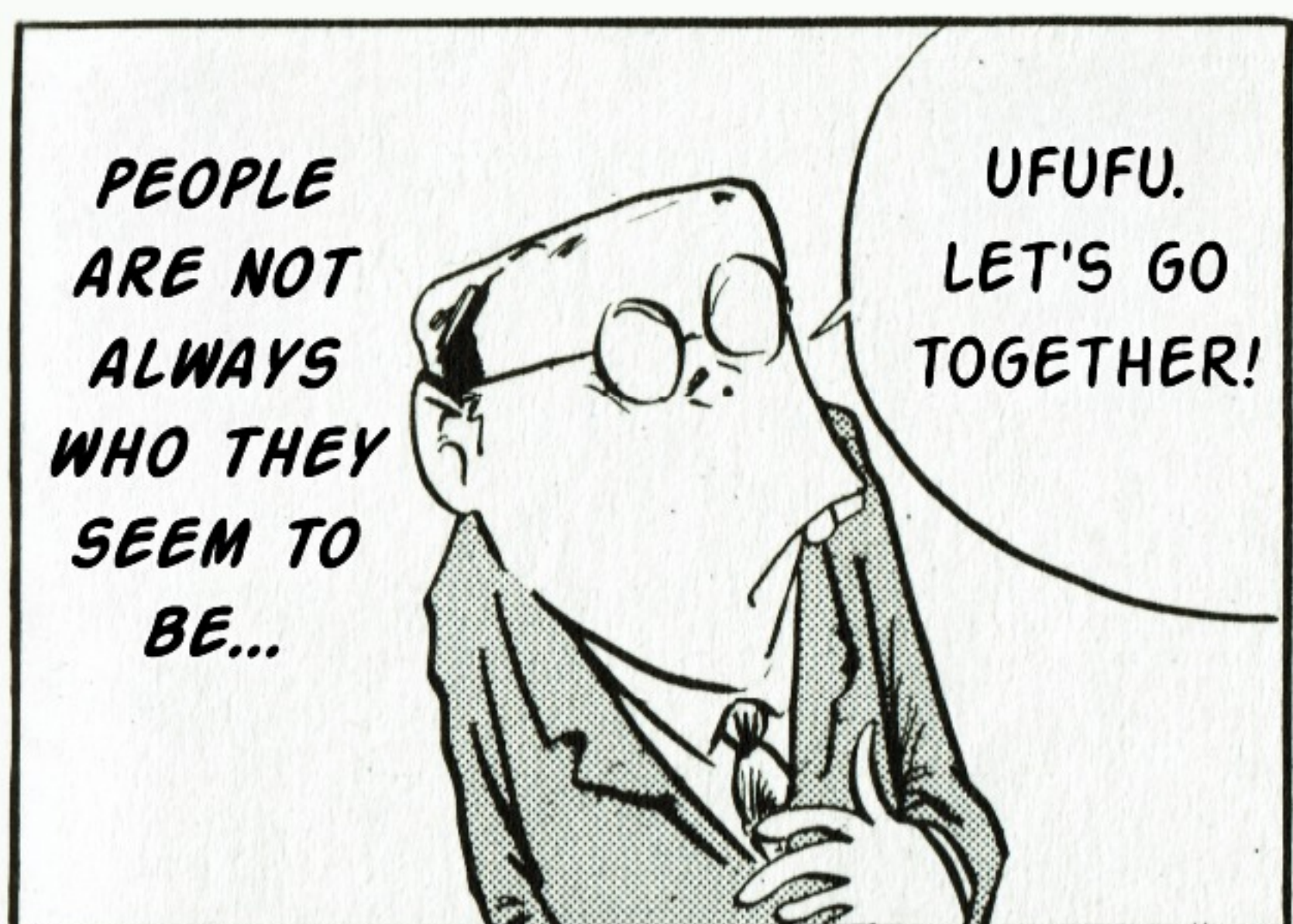
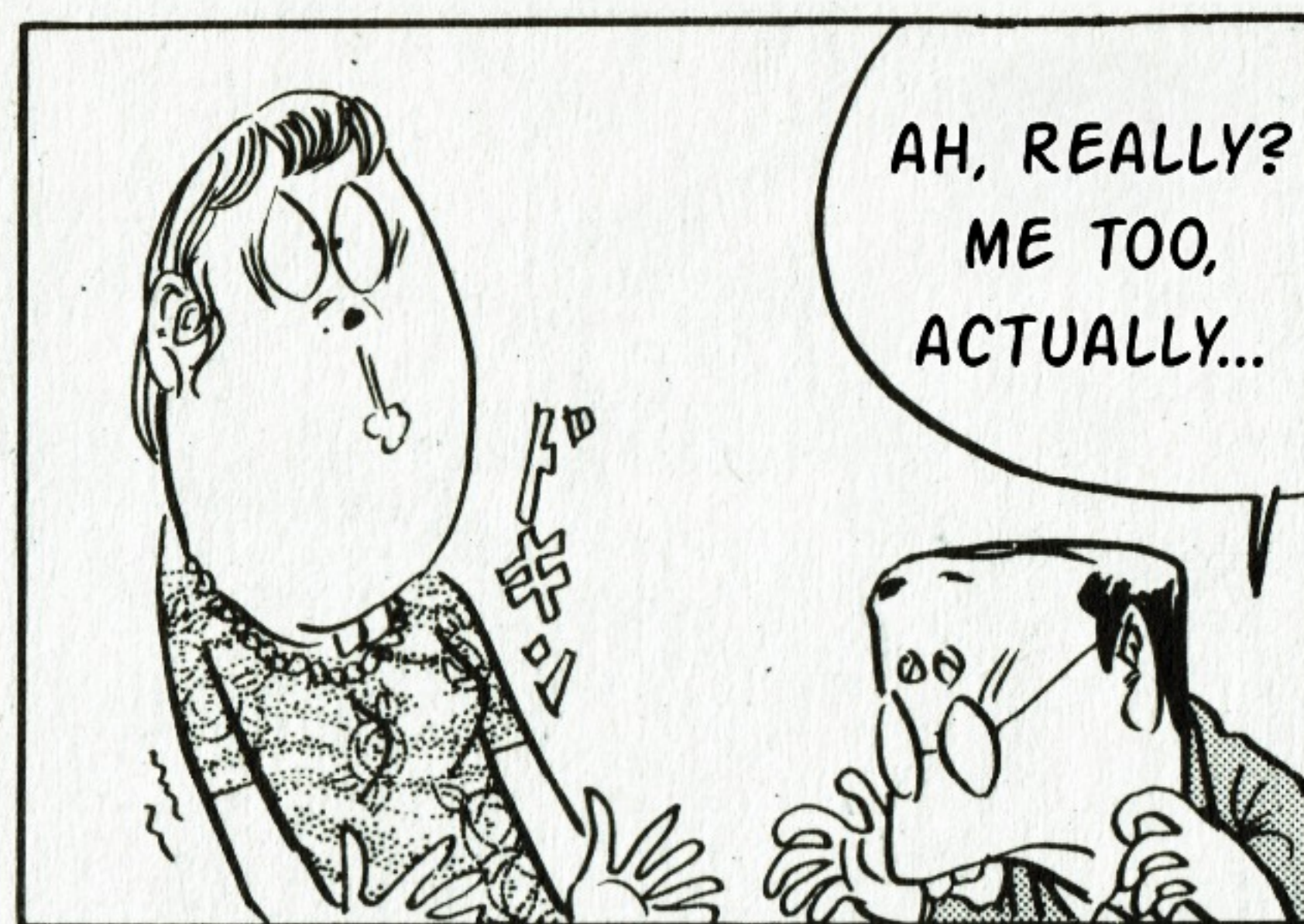
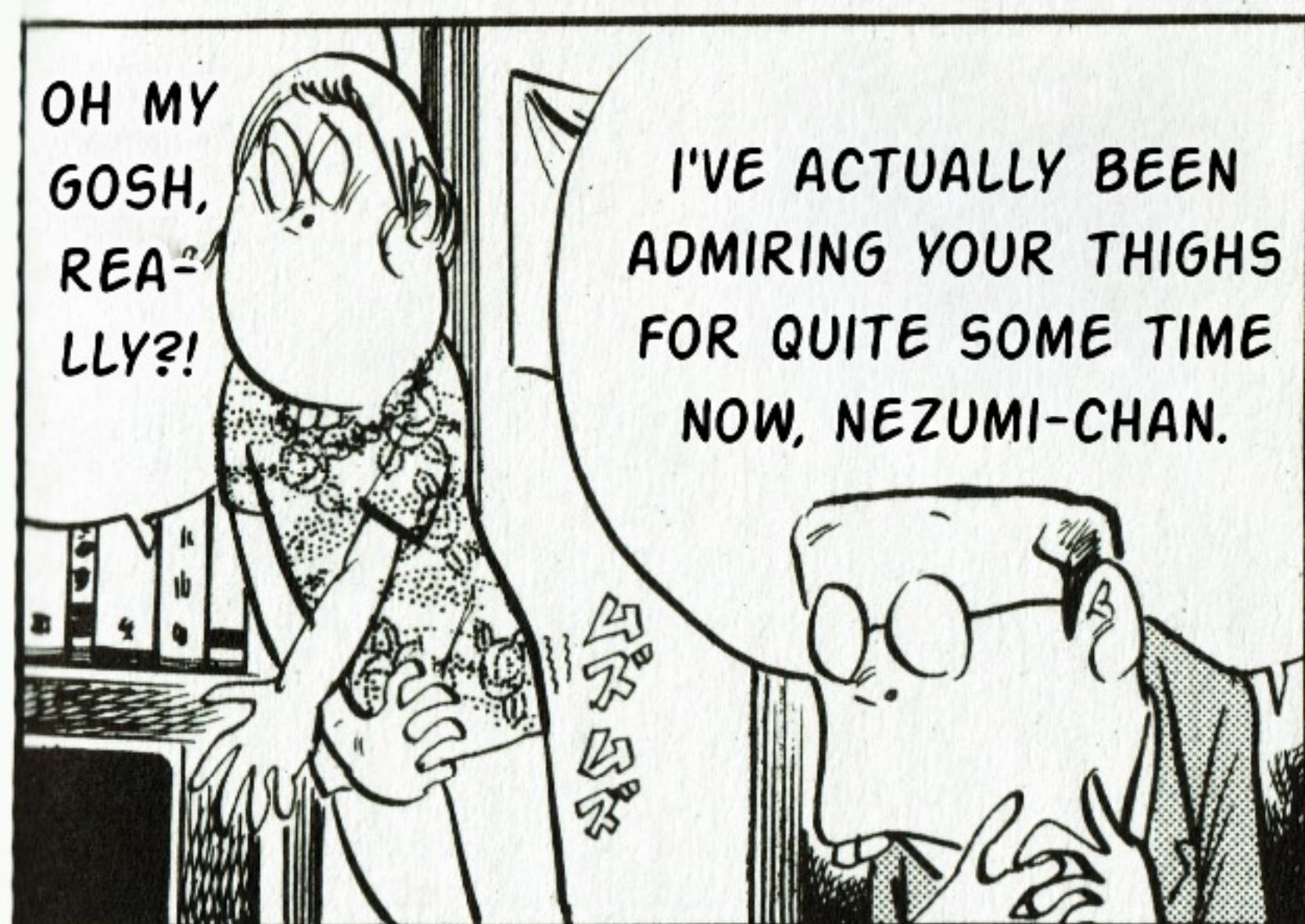


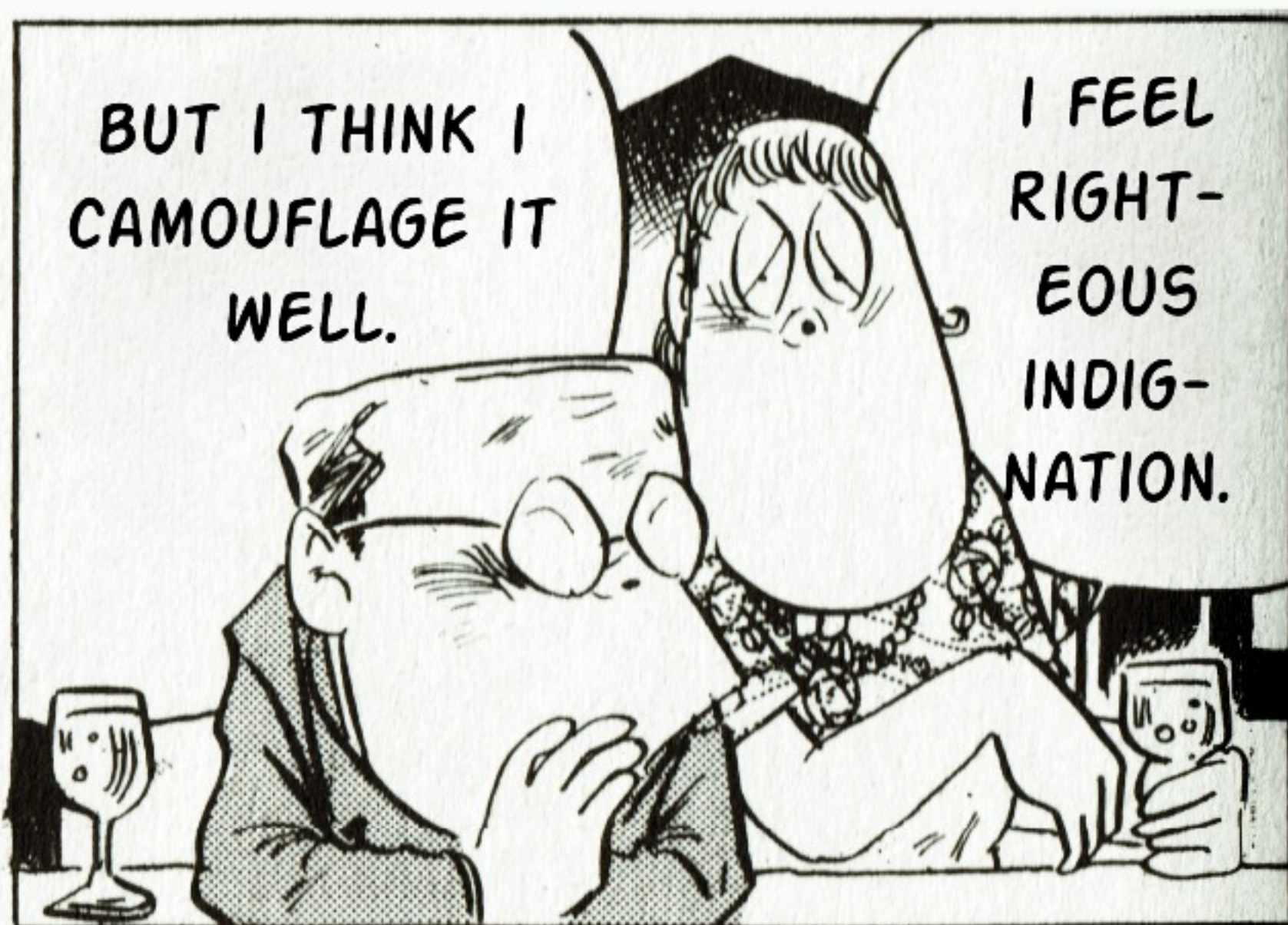
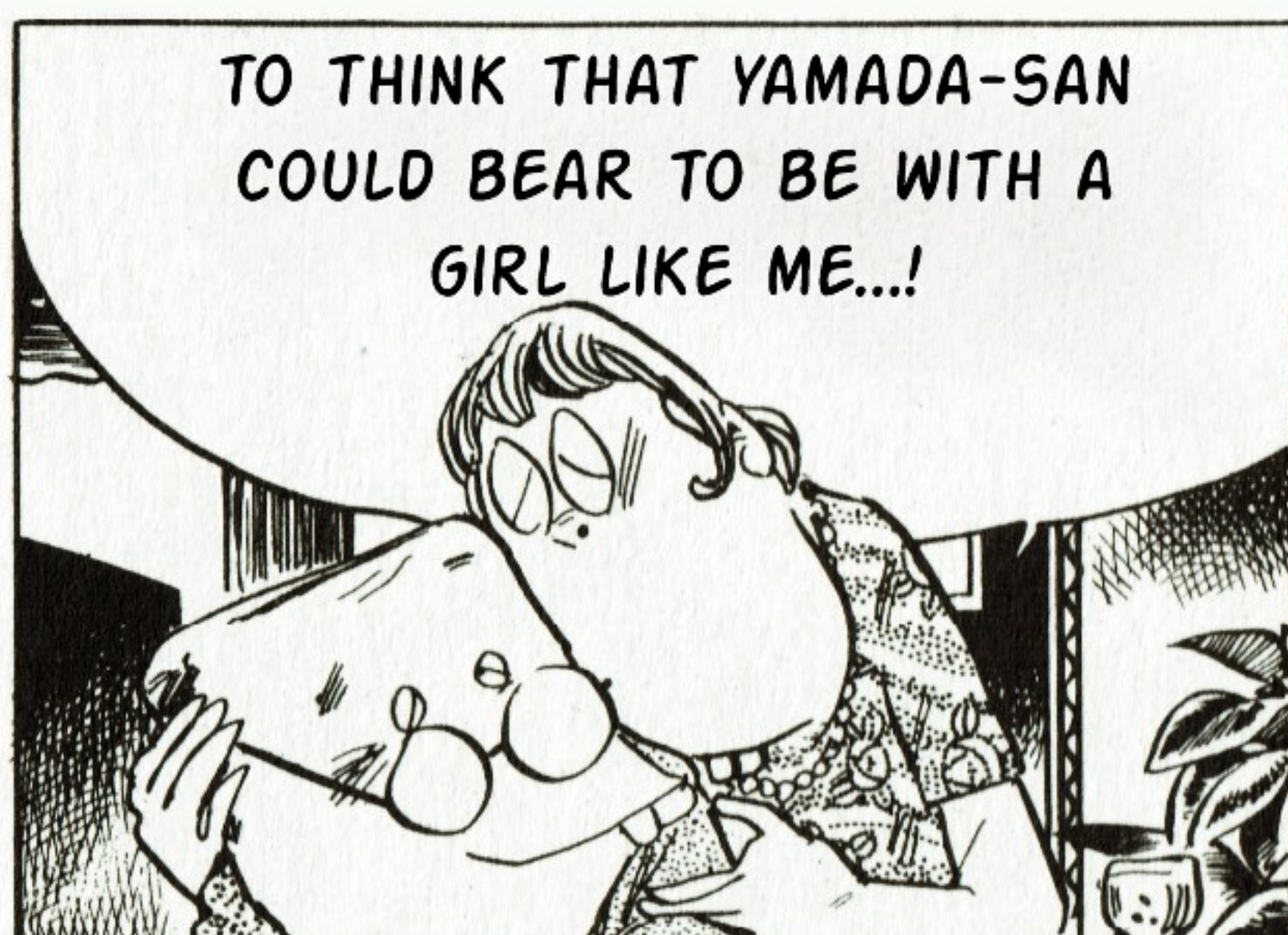
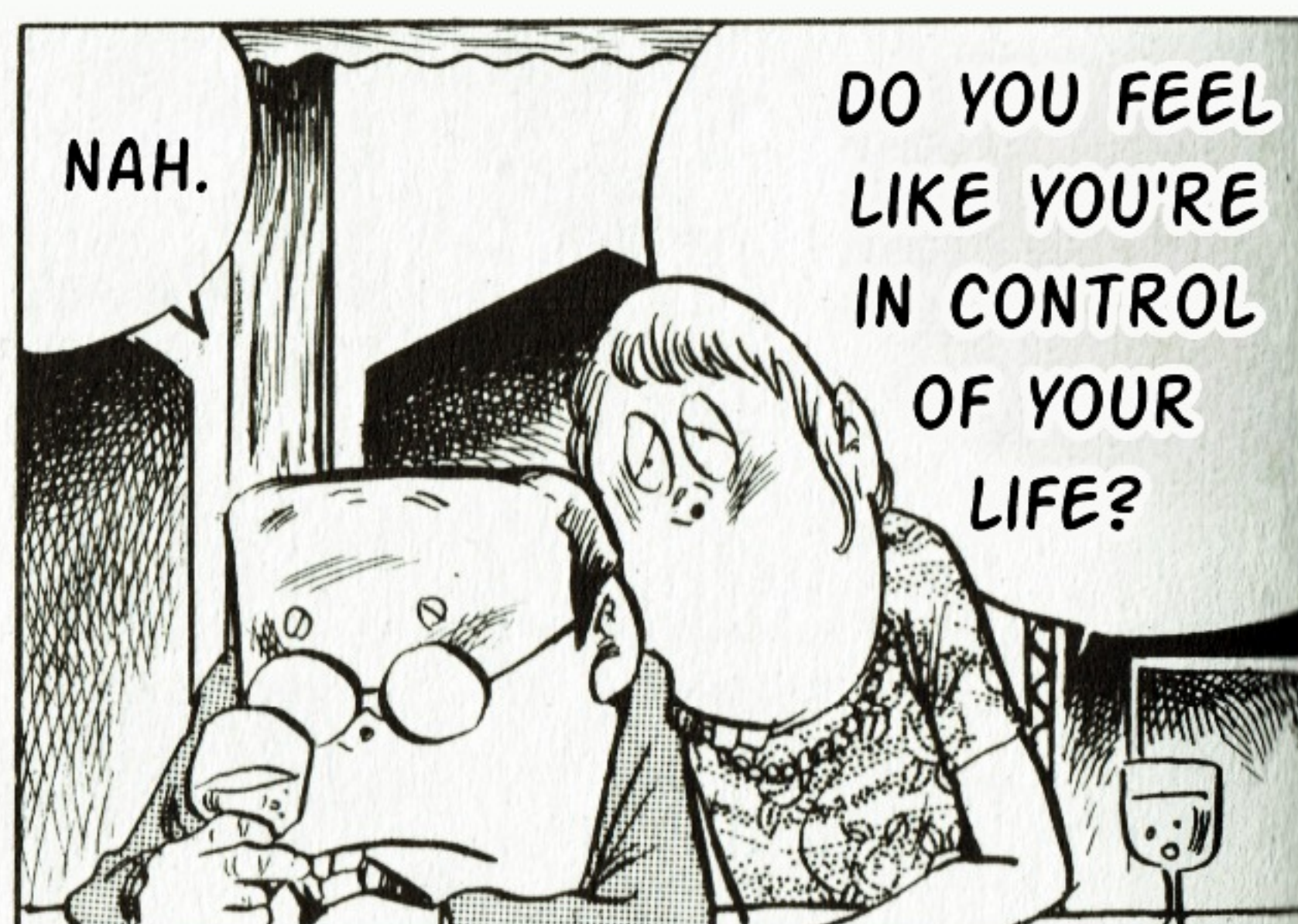
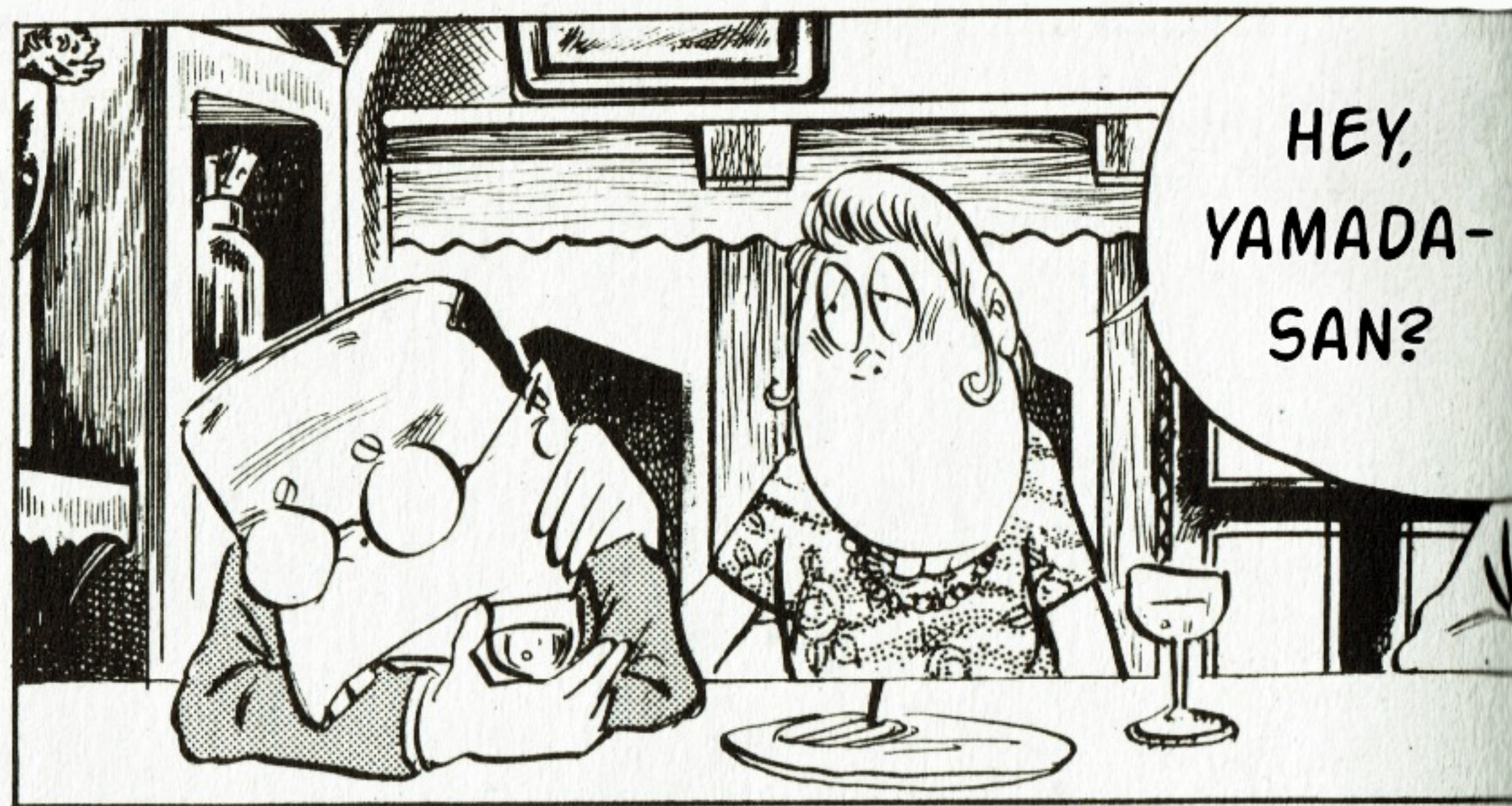
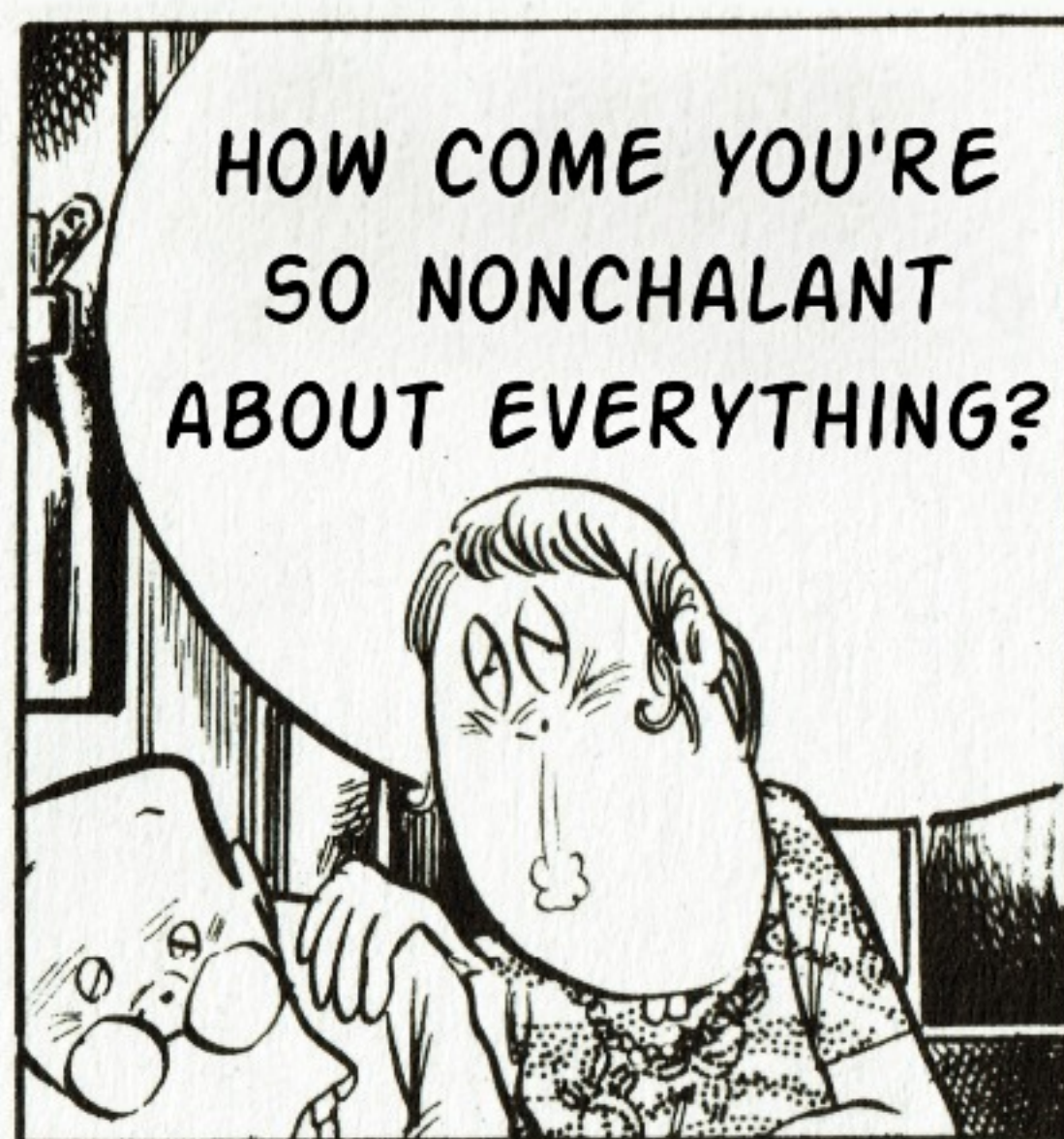
I'VE GOT A
BAD
FEELING,
FOR SOME
REASON...





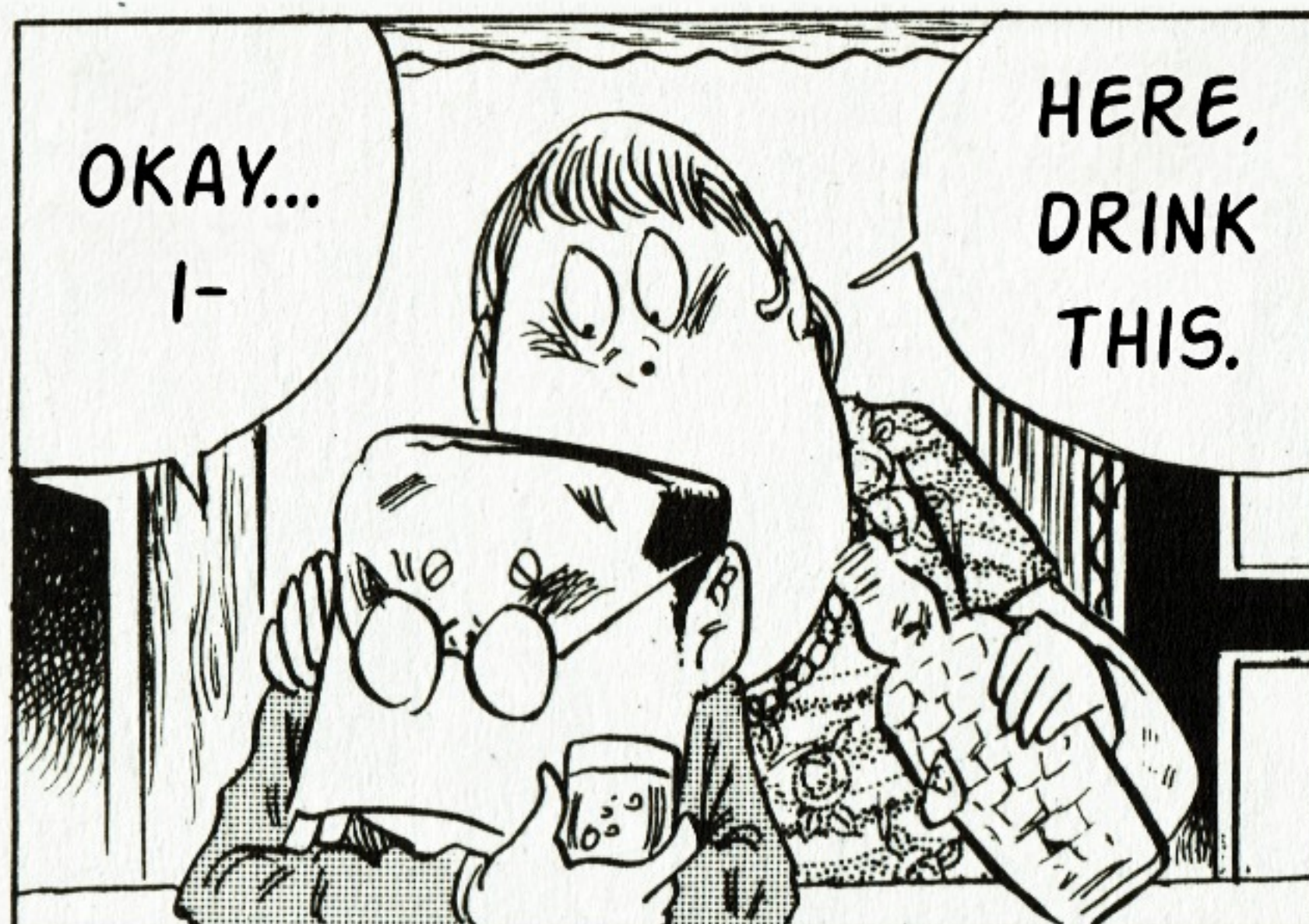






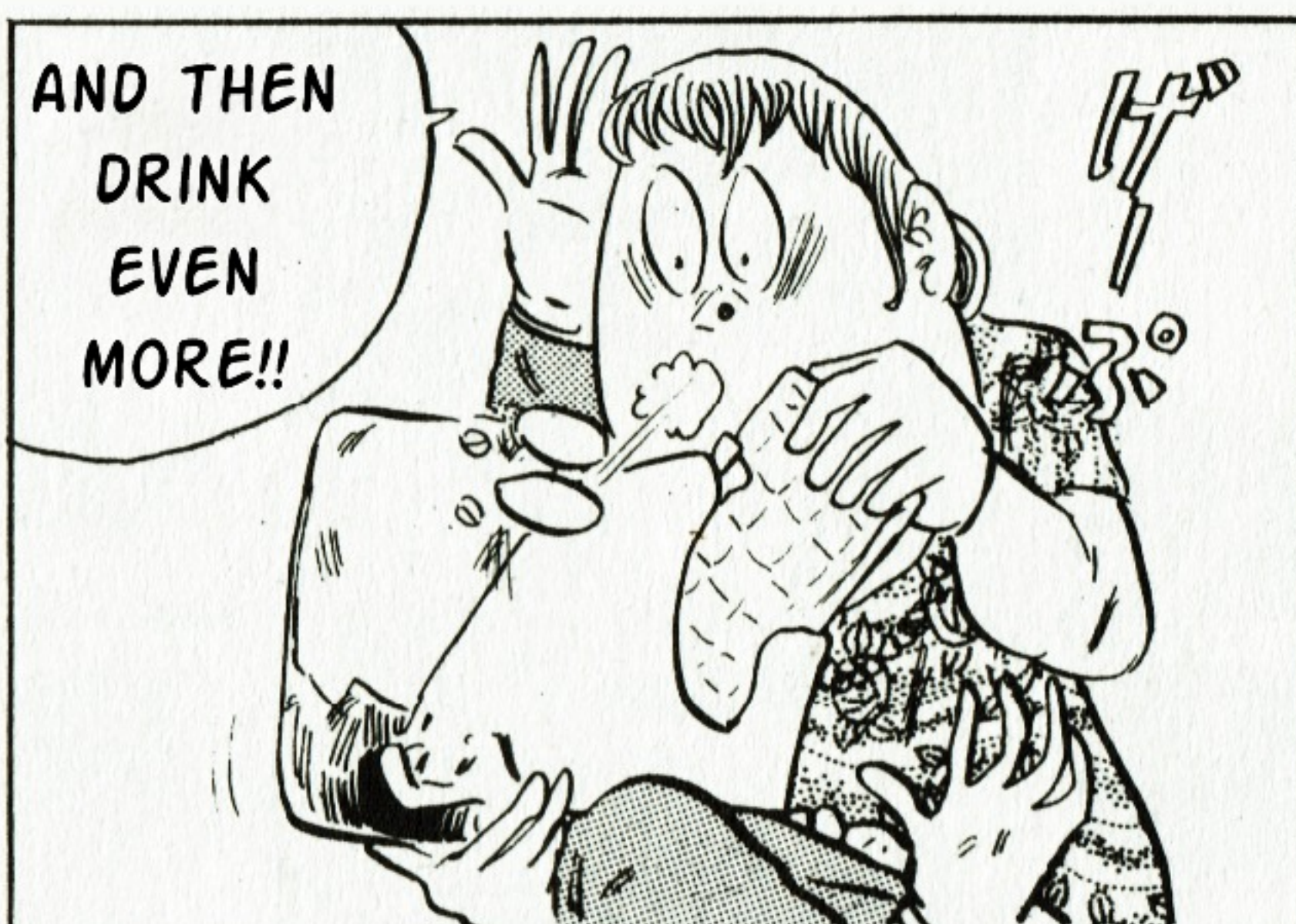


COME ON,
DRINK UP!



OKAY...
I-

HERE,
DRINK
THIS.



AND THEN
DRINK
EVEN
MORE!!



YAMADA
STUBBORNLY
TRIED TO
DENY IT...

NO, IT'S
NOTHING...



NOW TELL ME
MORE ABOUT
THAT CAMOU-
FLAGE
OF
YOURS.



AND HE
REVEALED A
HORRIFYING
SECRET,

YES?



WELL,
IT'S...

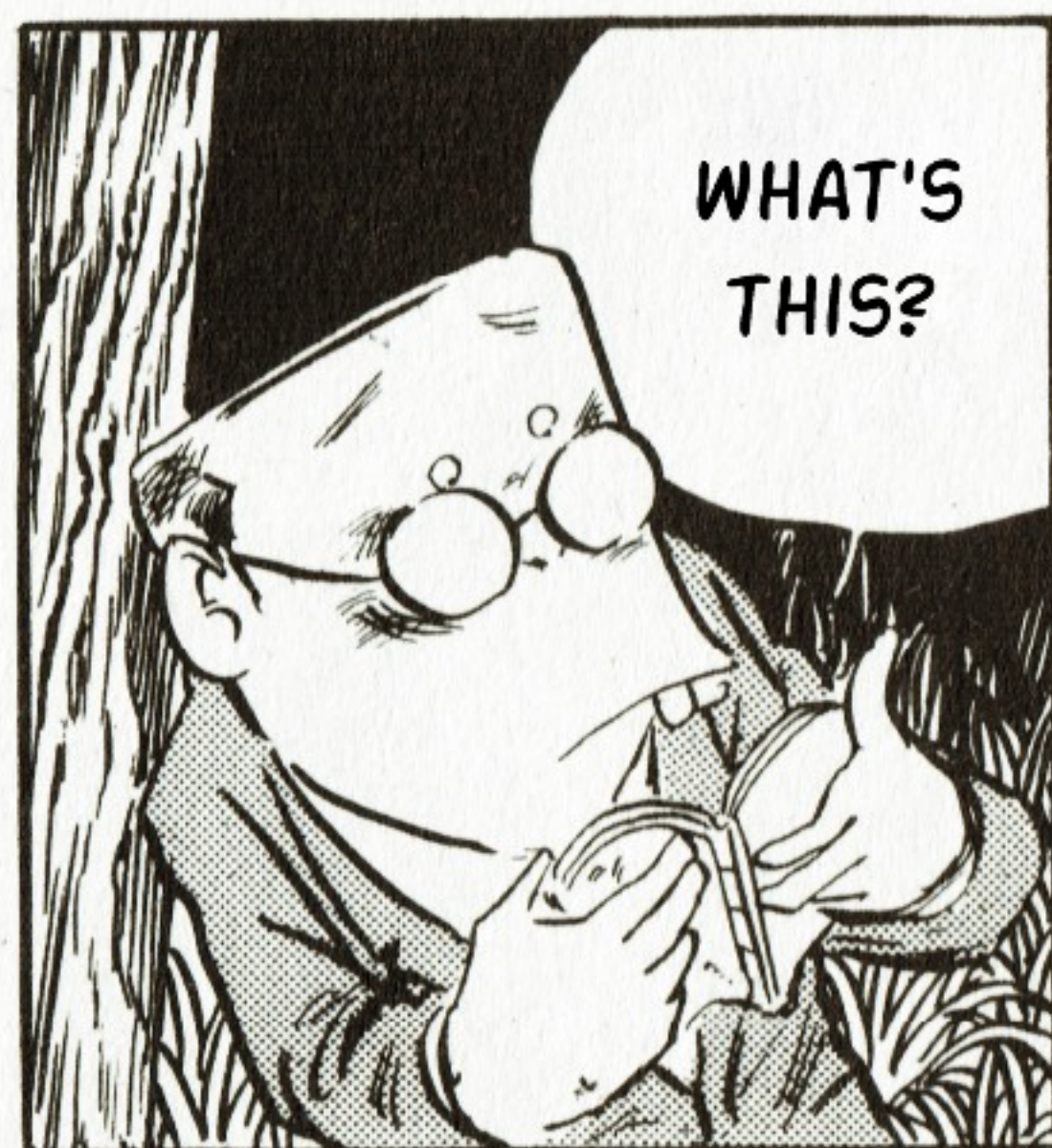
BUT THE
ALCOHOL
LOOSEMED HIS
TONGUE...



IN THE PAST, I'D AVOID
GOING HOME DRUNK
BECAUSE MY WIFE
WOULD ALWAYS MAKE A
SCENE ABOUT IT.

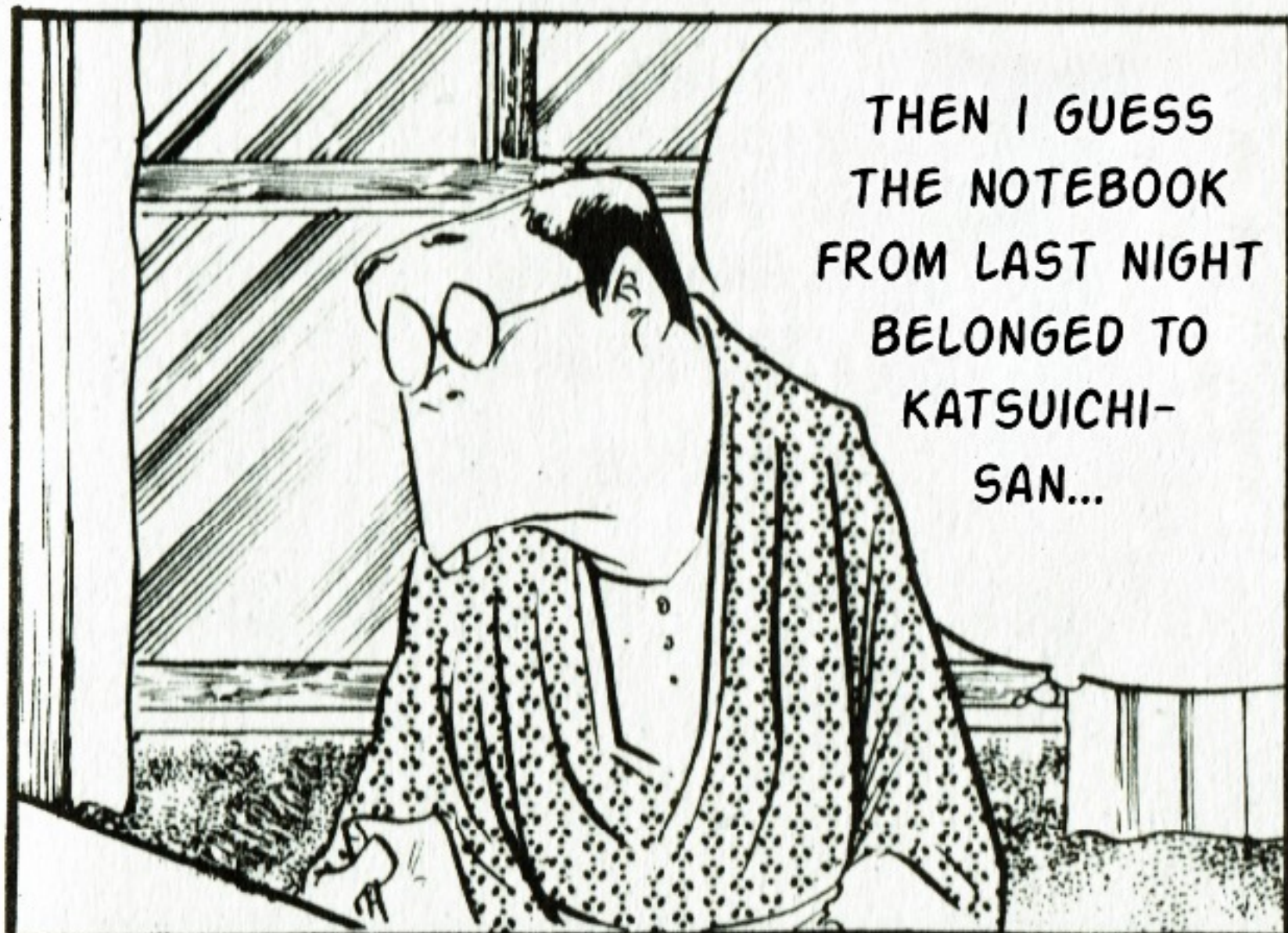
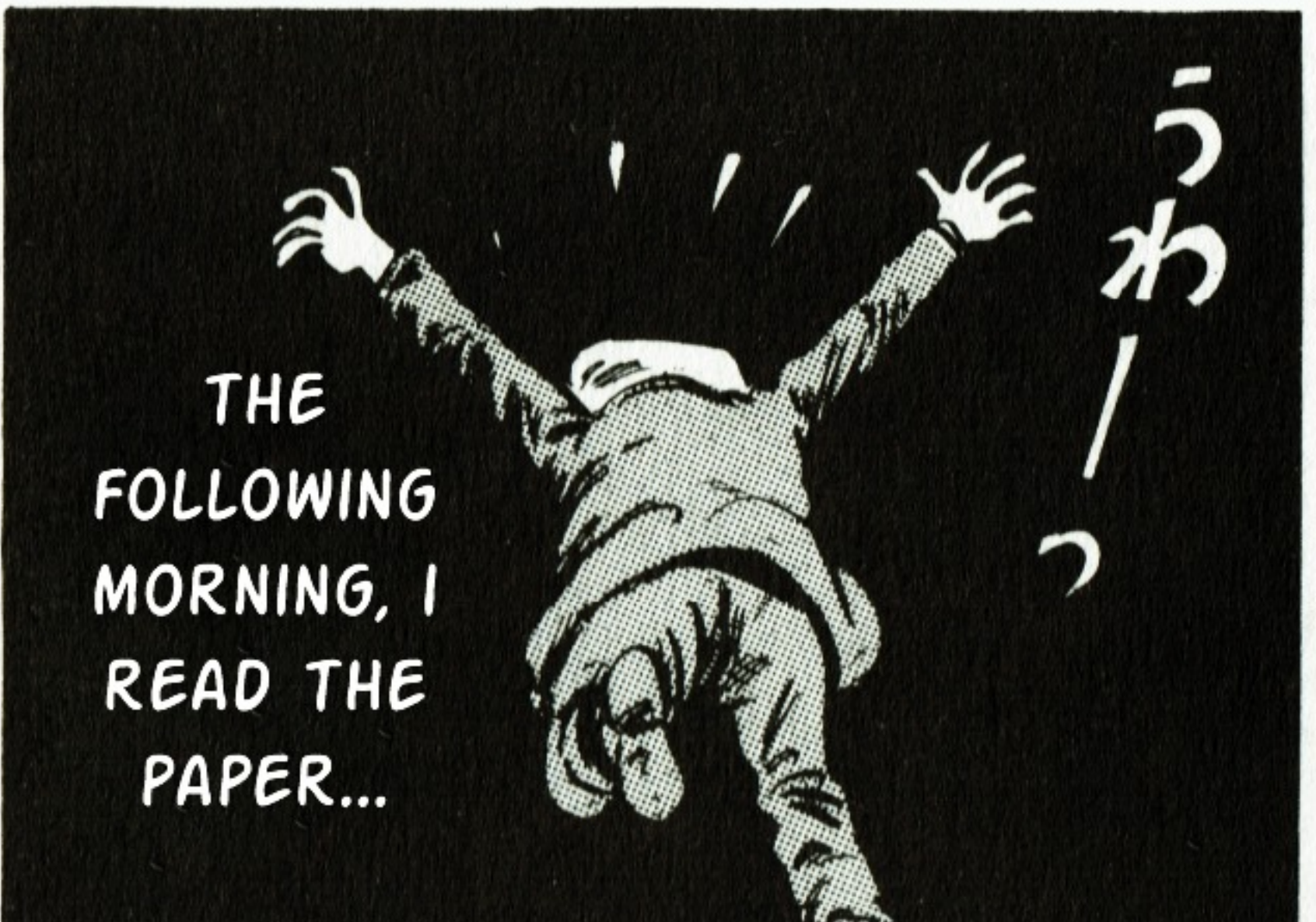
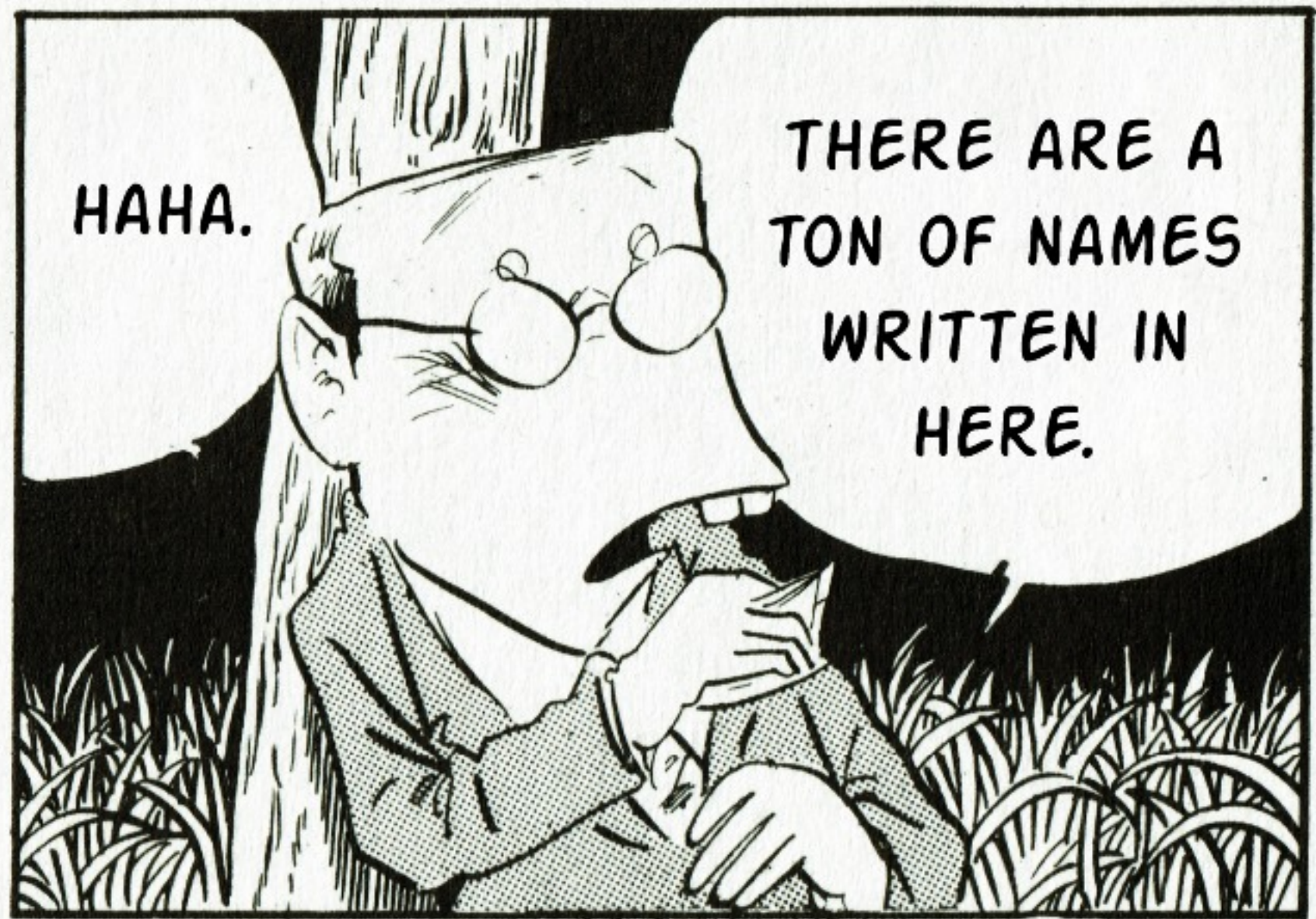


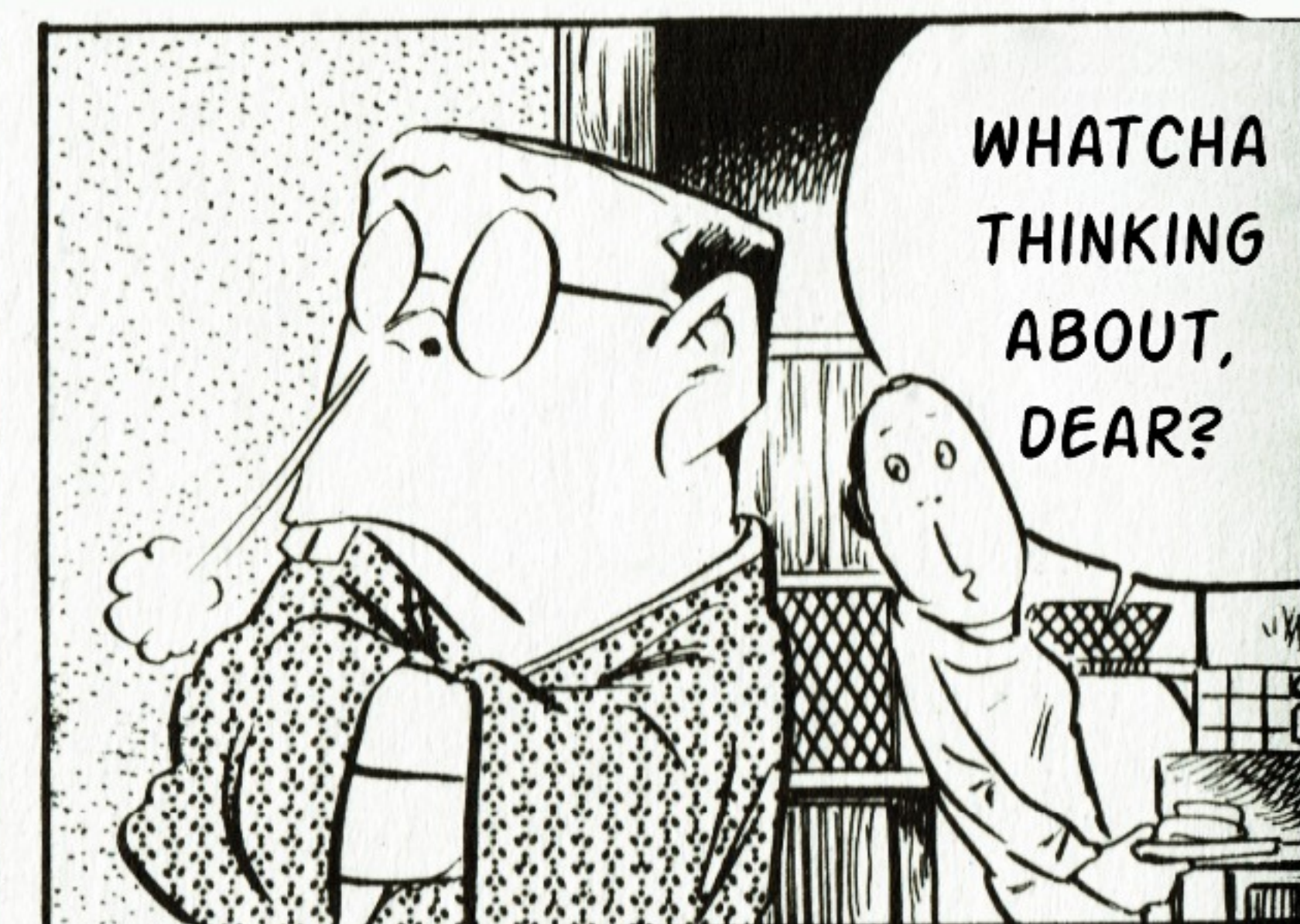
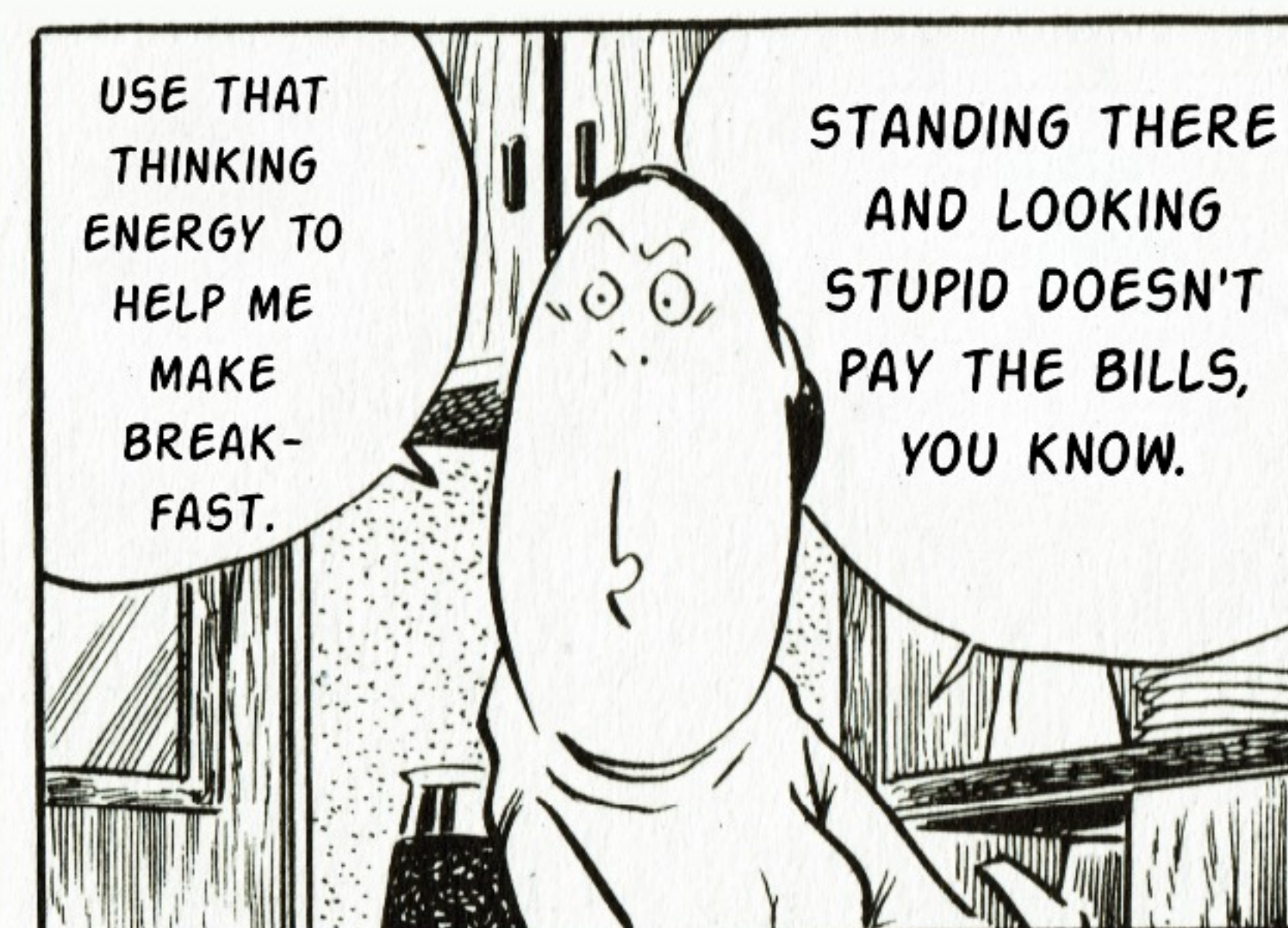
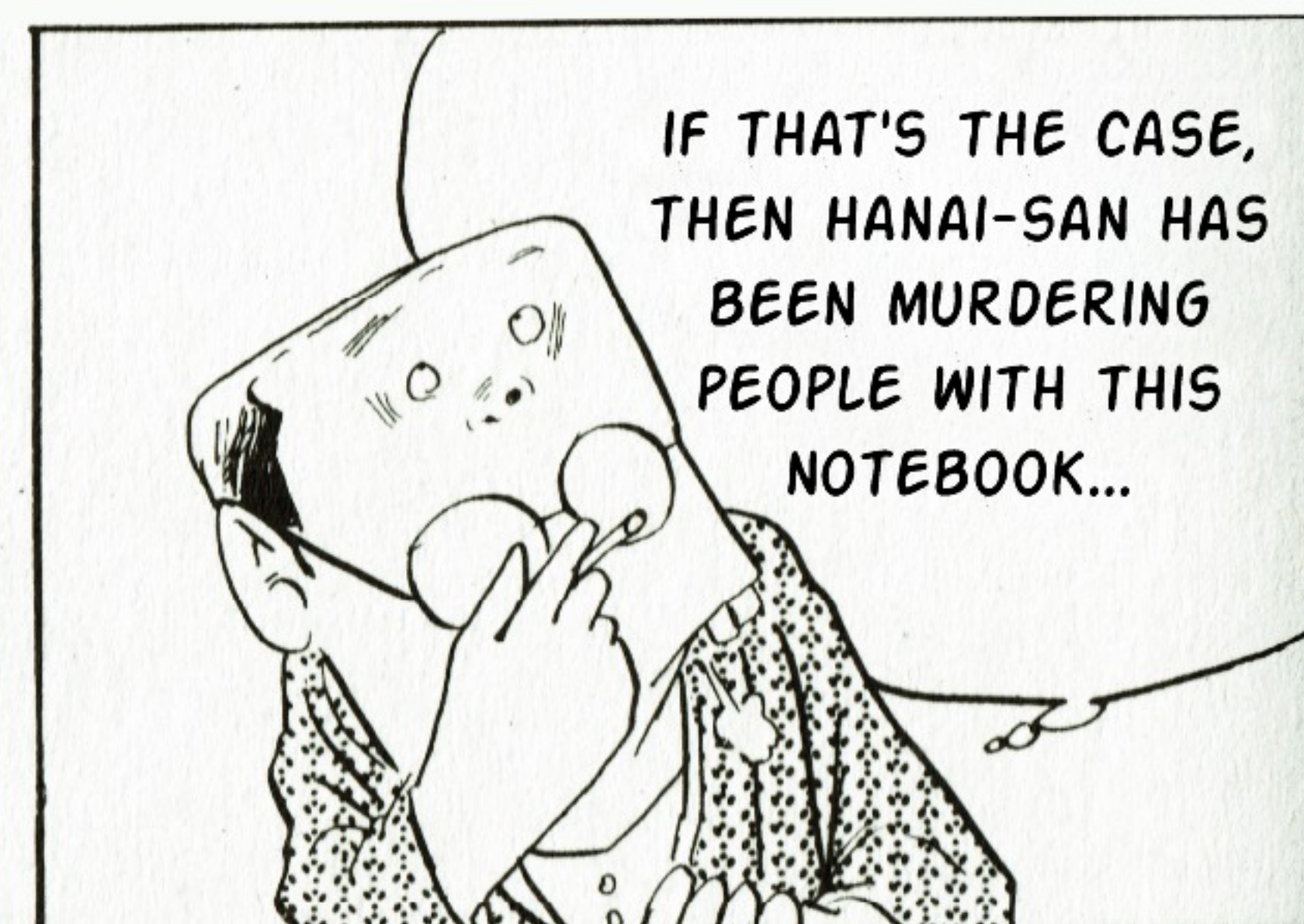
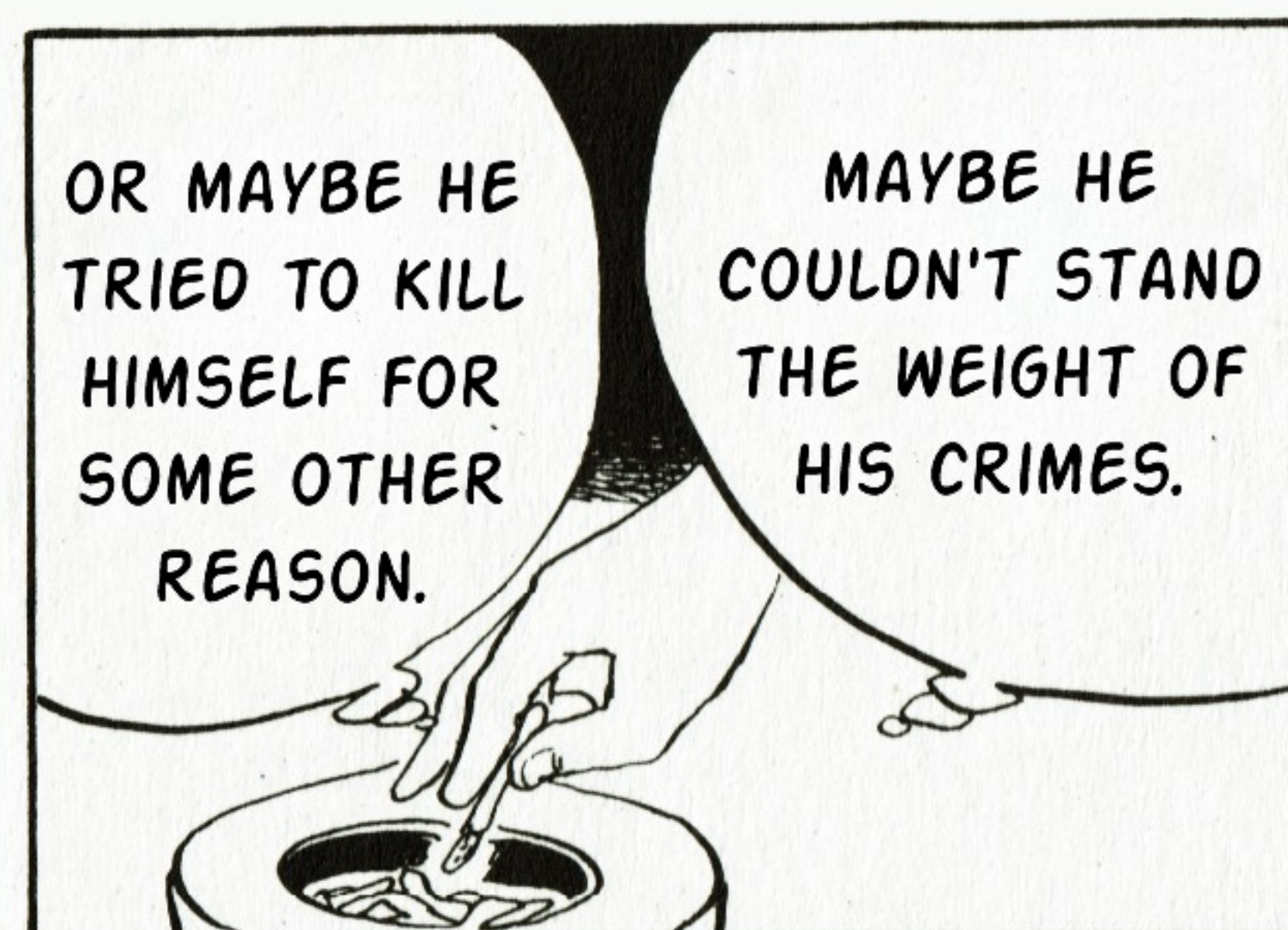
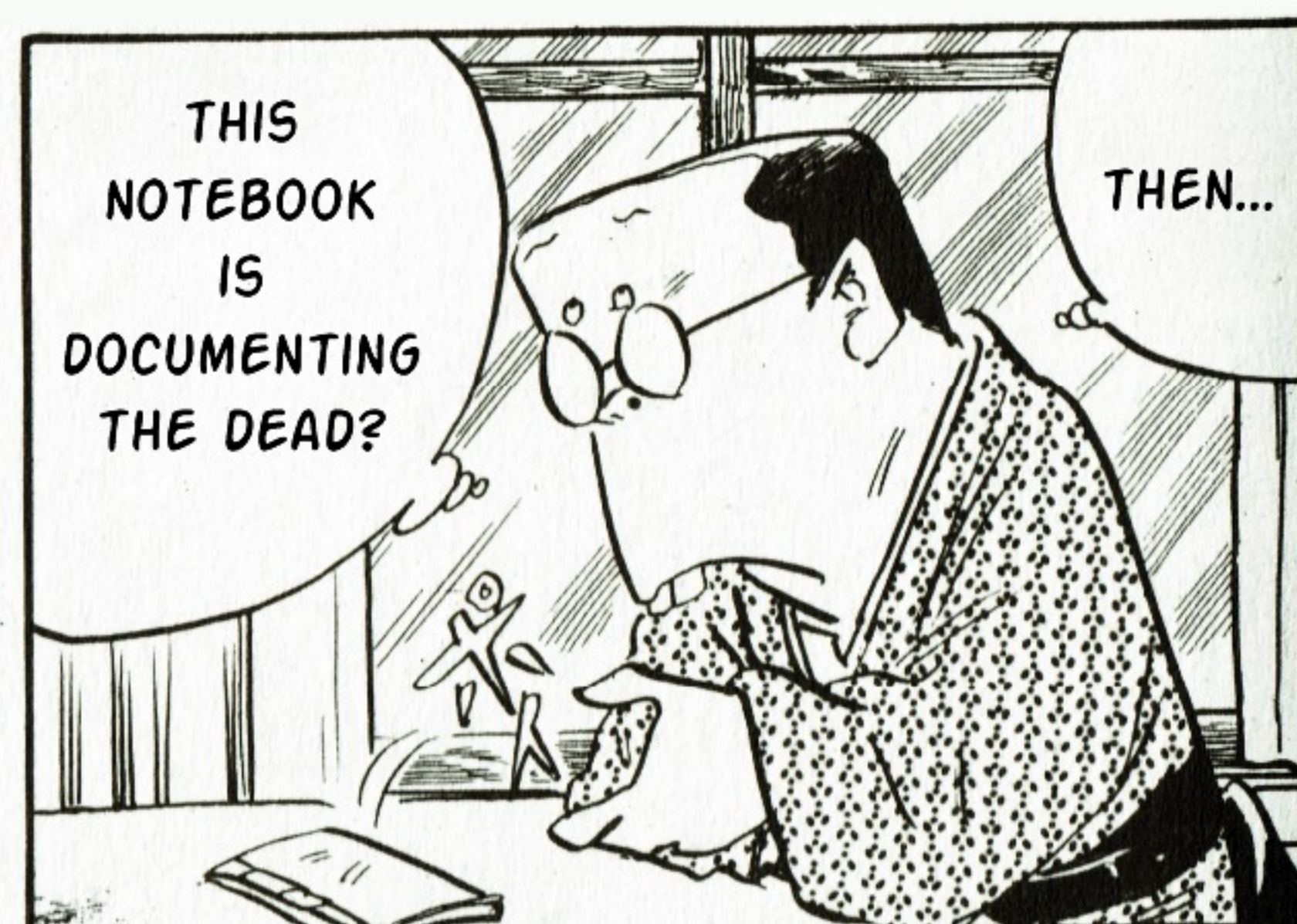
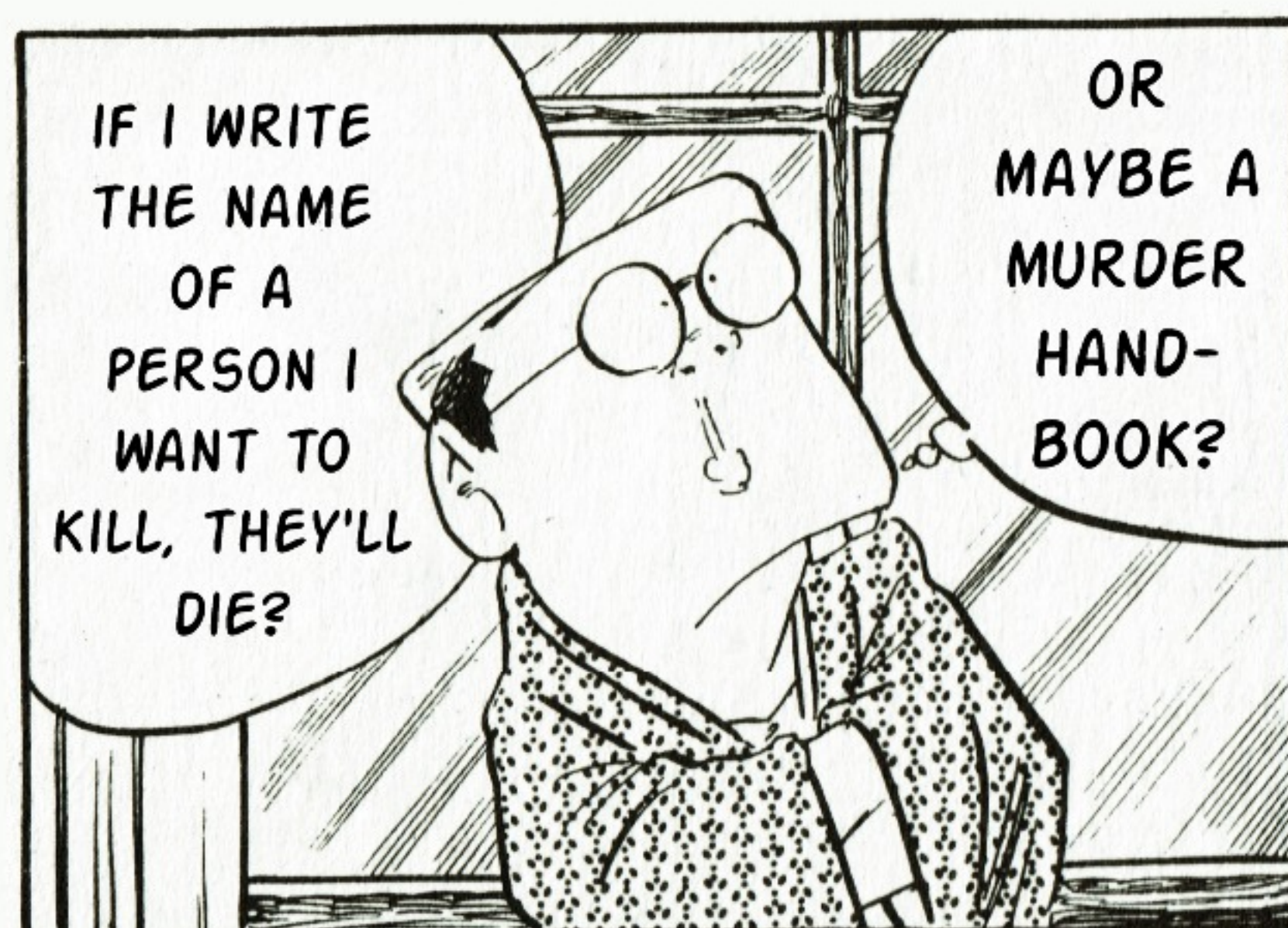
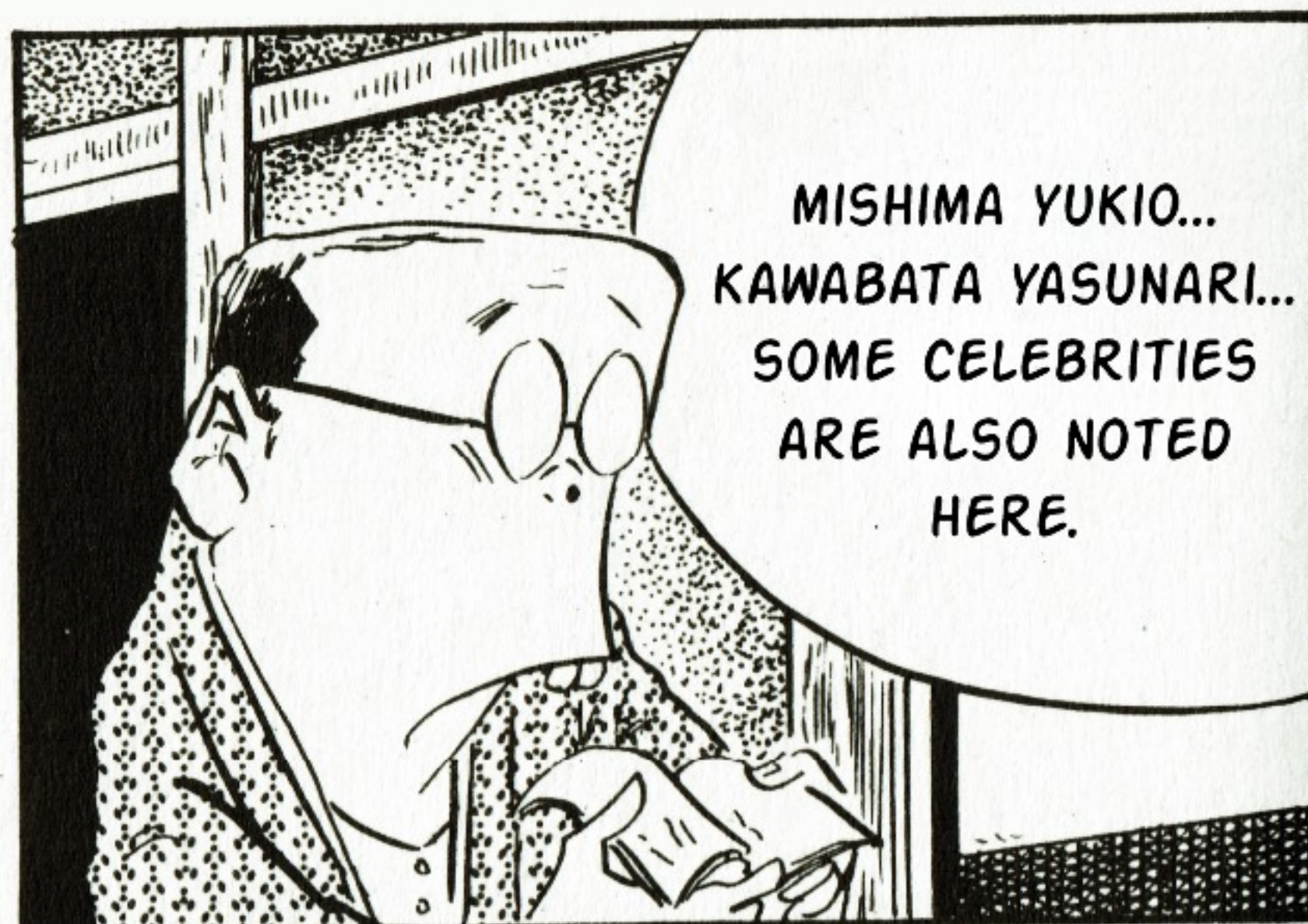
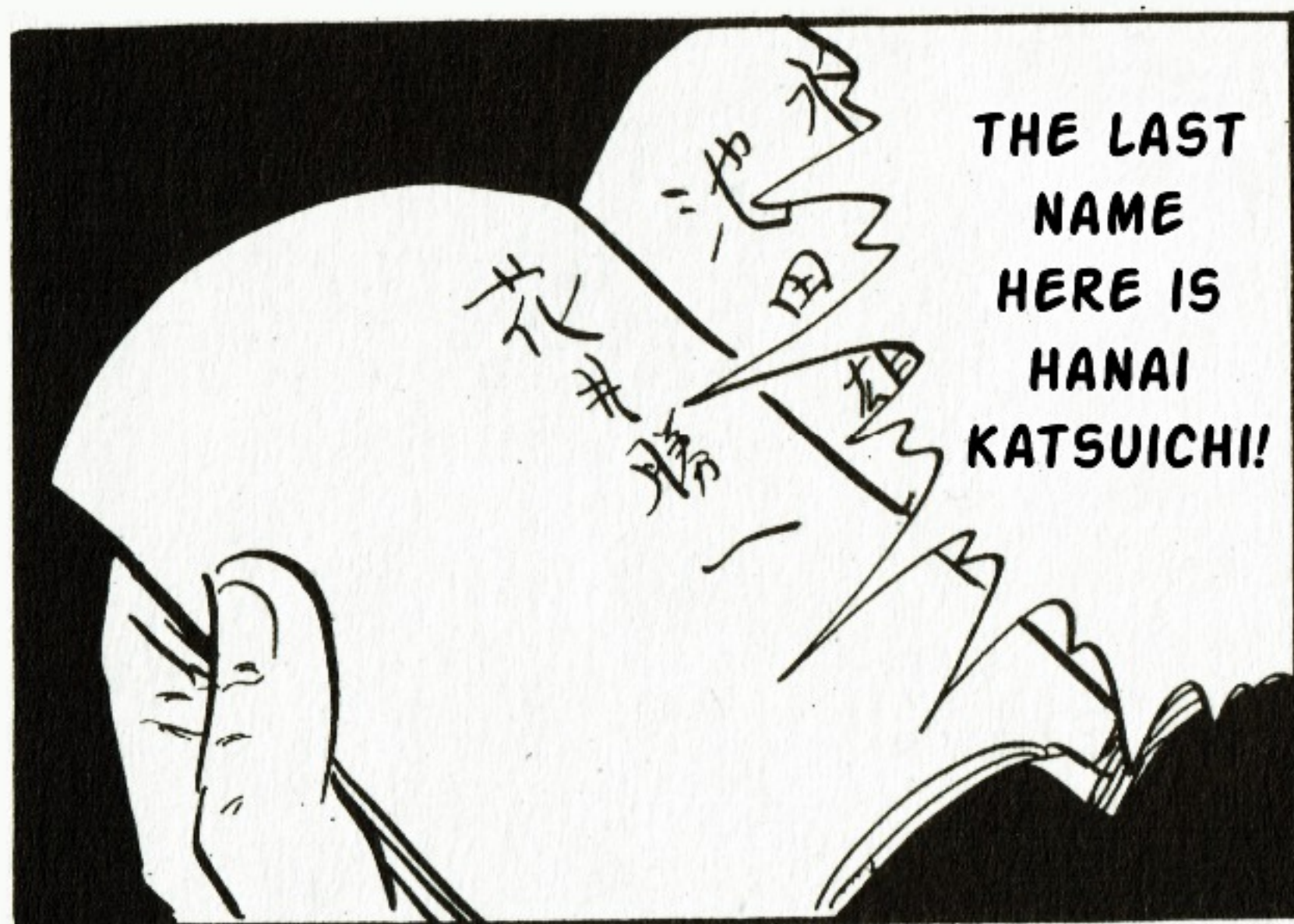
WHILE RESTING AT A
SHRINE, I NOTICED A
NOTEBOOK ON THE
GROUND...

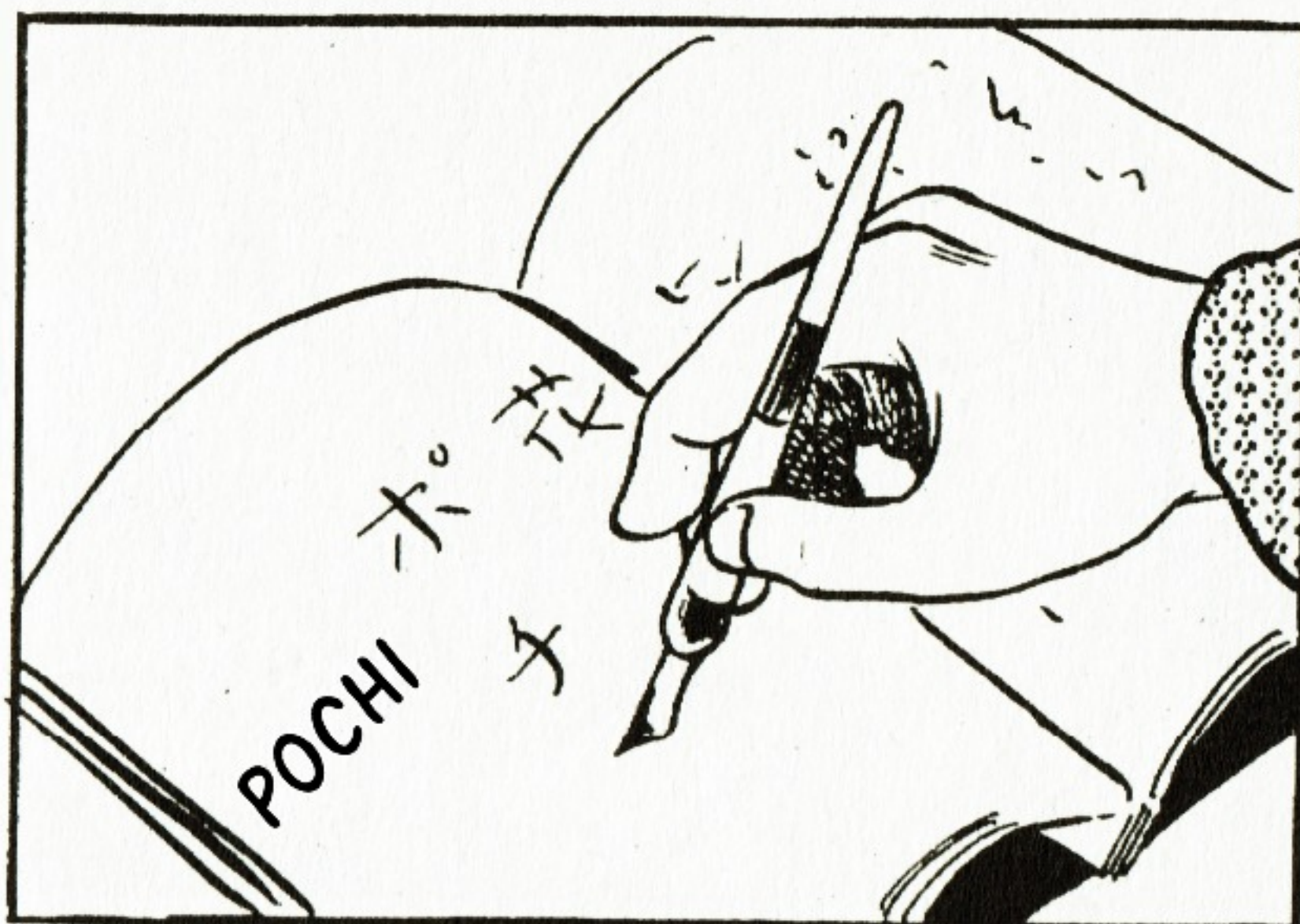


WHAT'S
THIS?



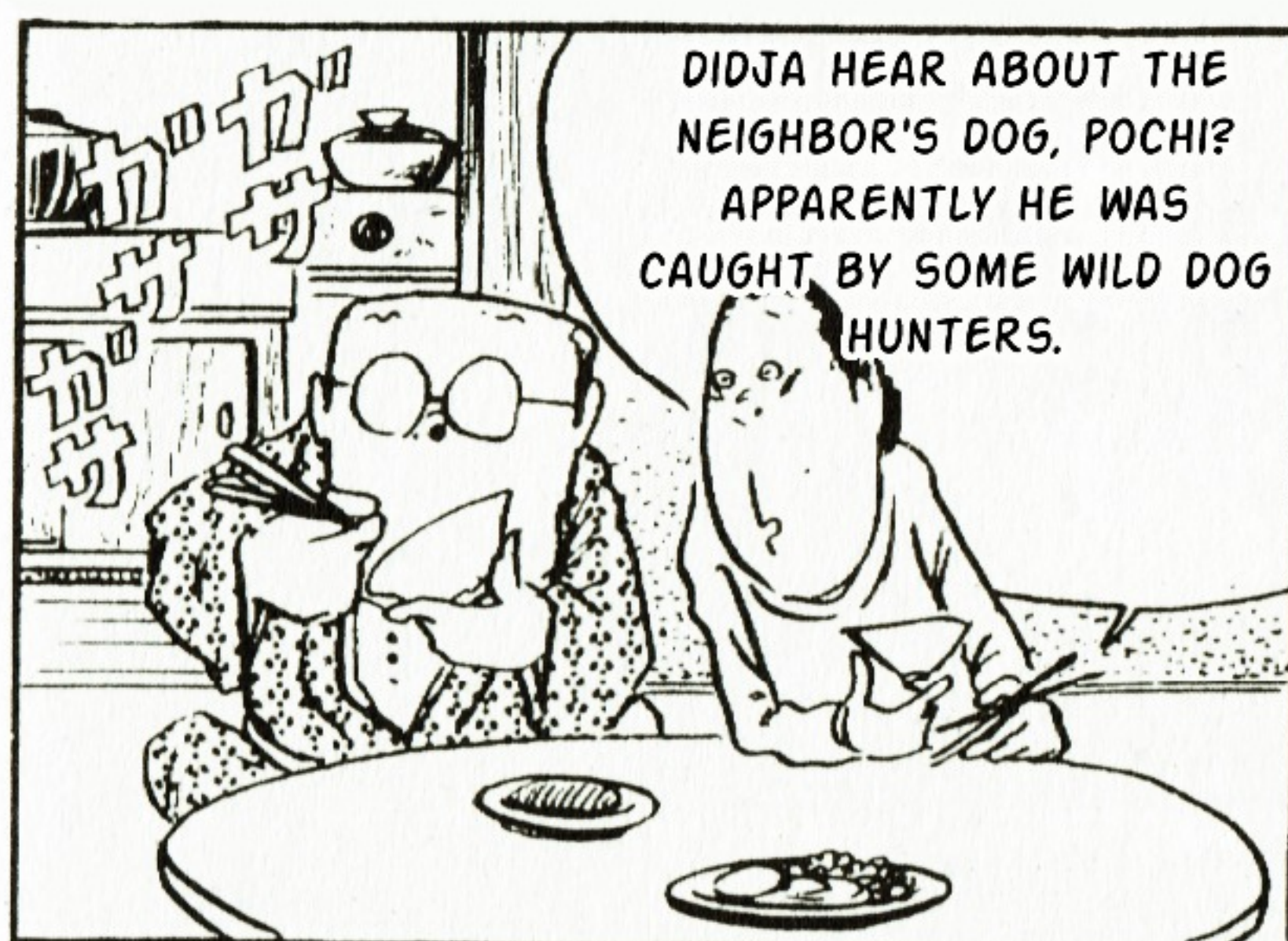




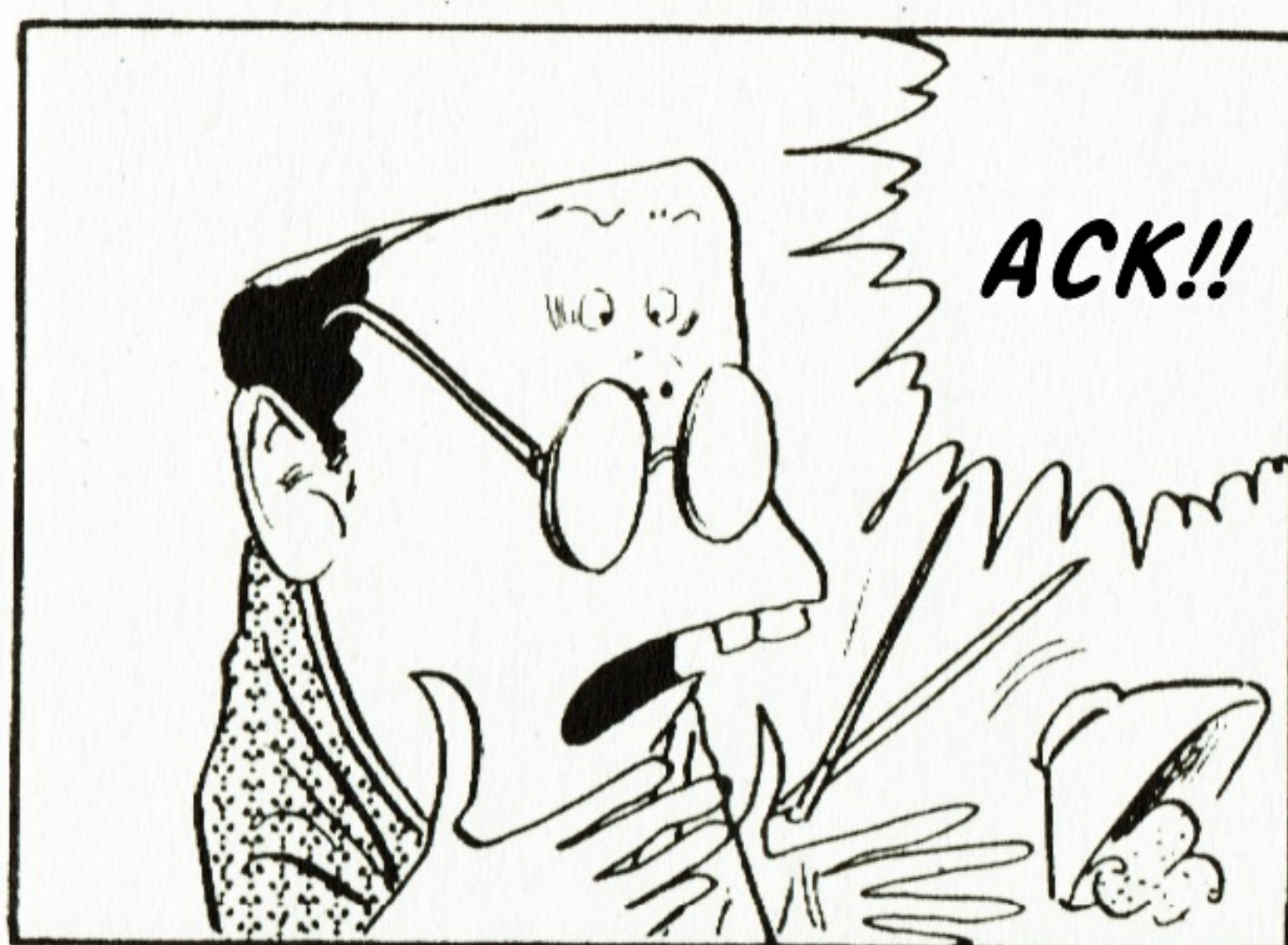


THAT DOG NEXT
DOOR THAT
ALWAYS KEEPS
ME UP AT NIGHT
WITH HIS
BARKING...

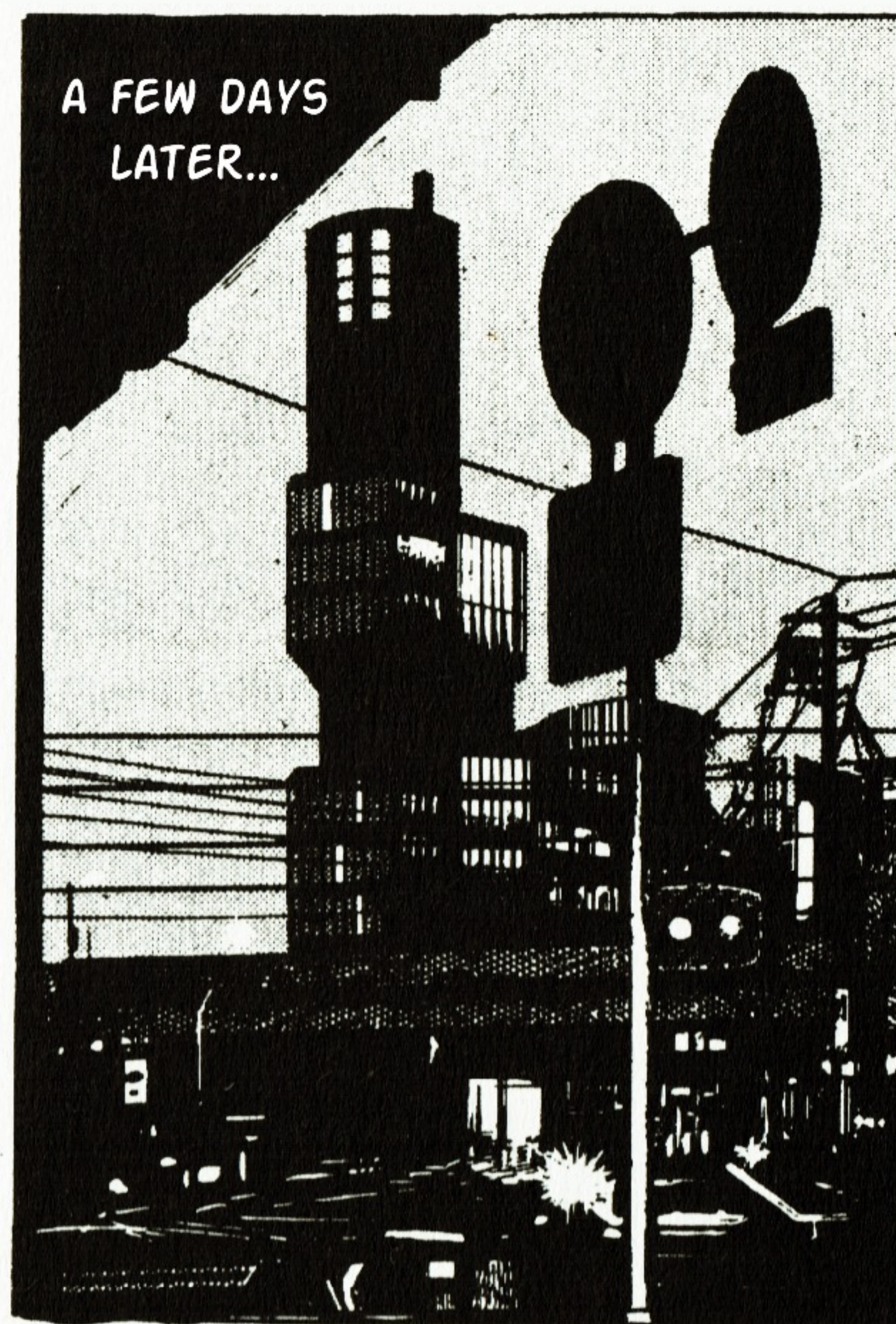
...LET'S TEST
MY LITTLE
THEORY.



DIDJA HEAR ABOUT THE
NEIGHBOR'S DOG, POCHI?
APPARENTLY HE WAS
CAUGHT BY SOME WILD DOG
HUNTERS.



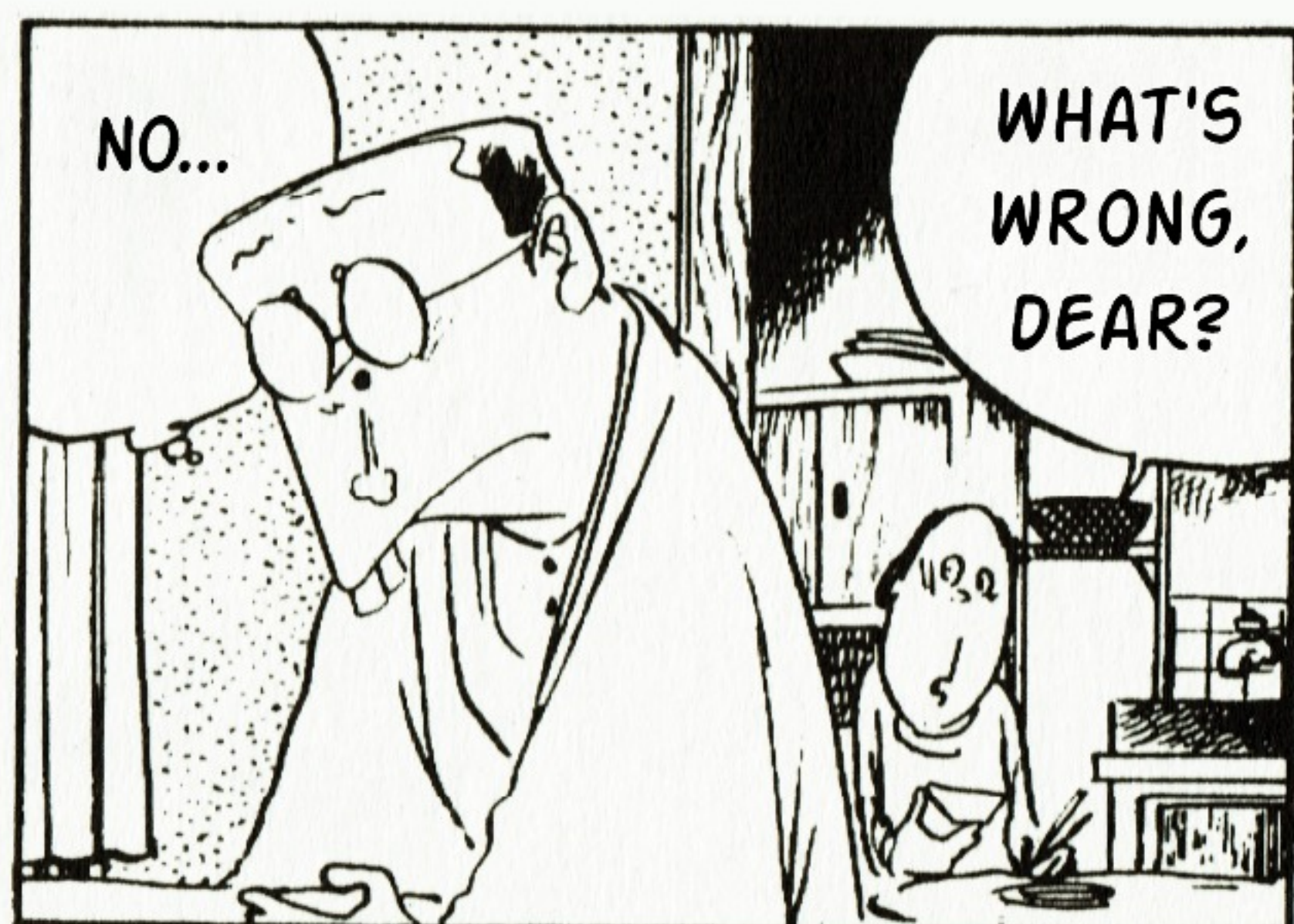
ACK!!



A FEW DAYS
LATER...

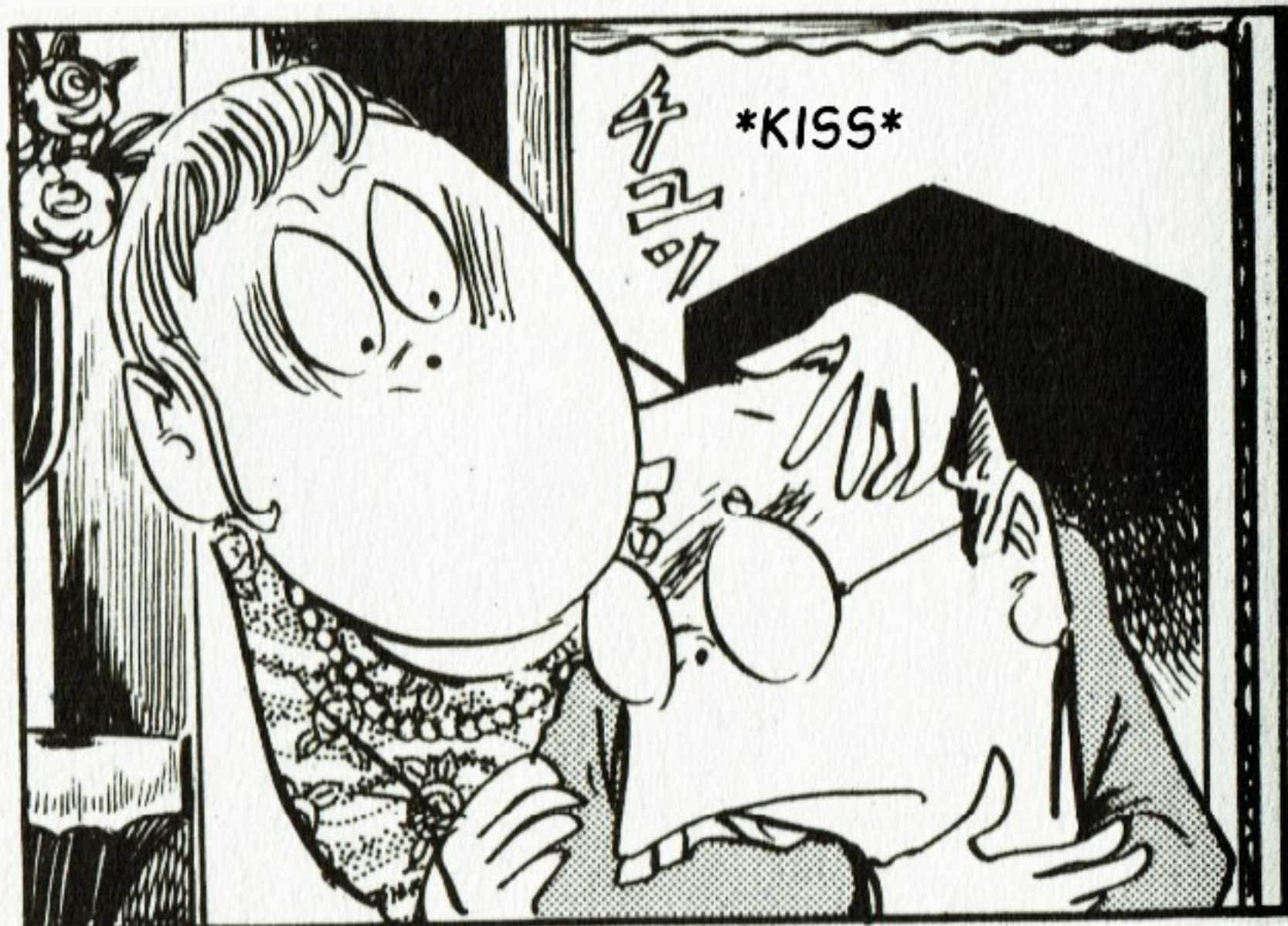
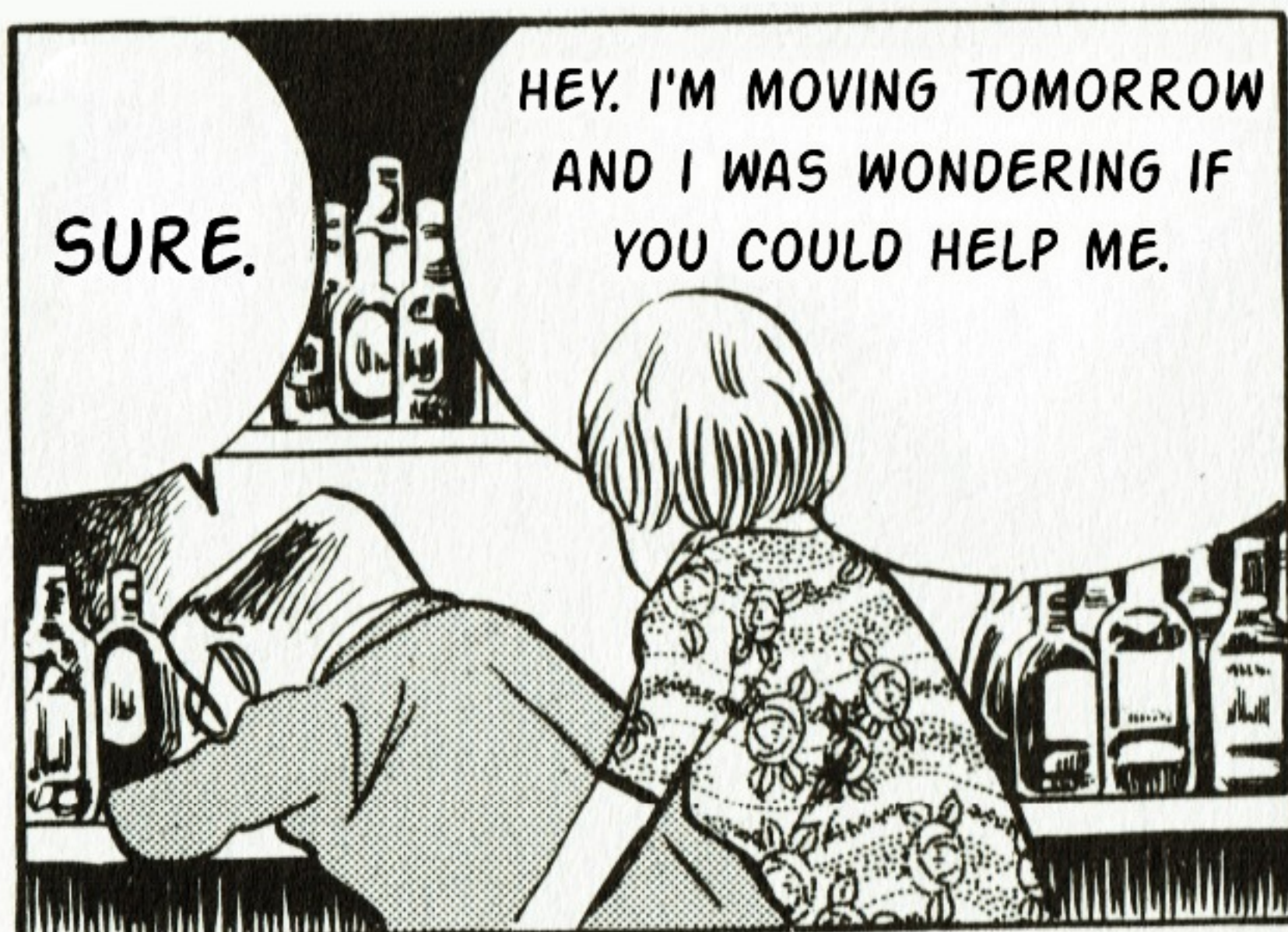
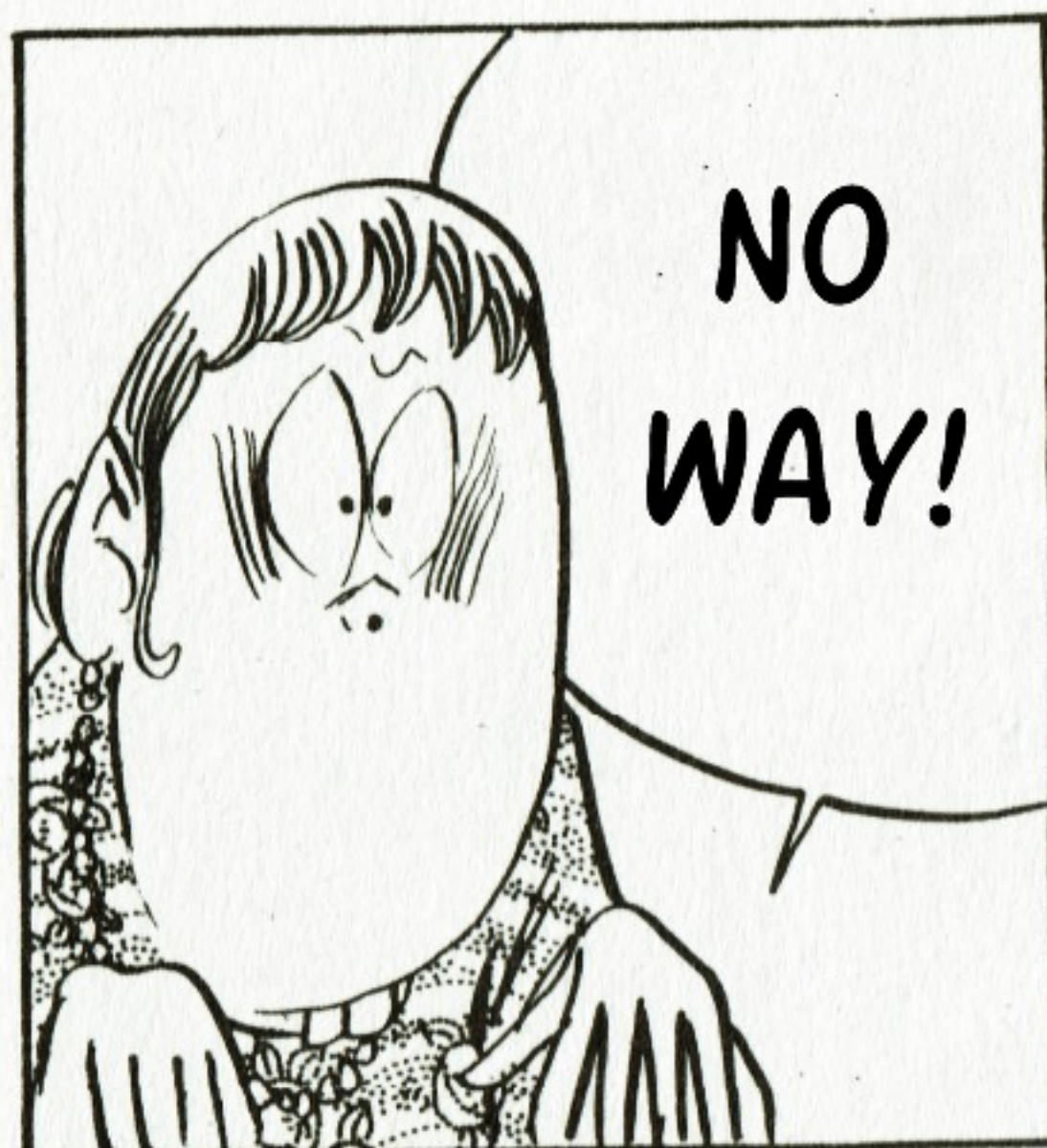
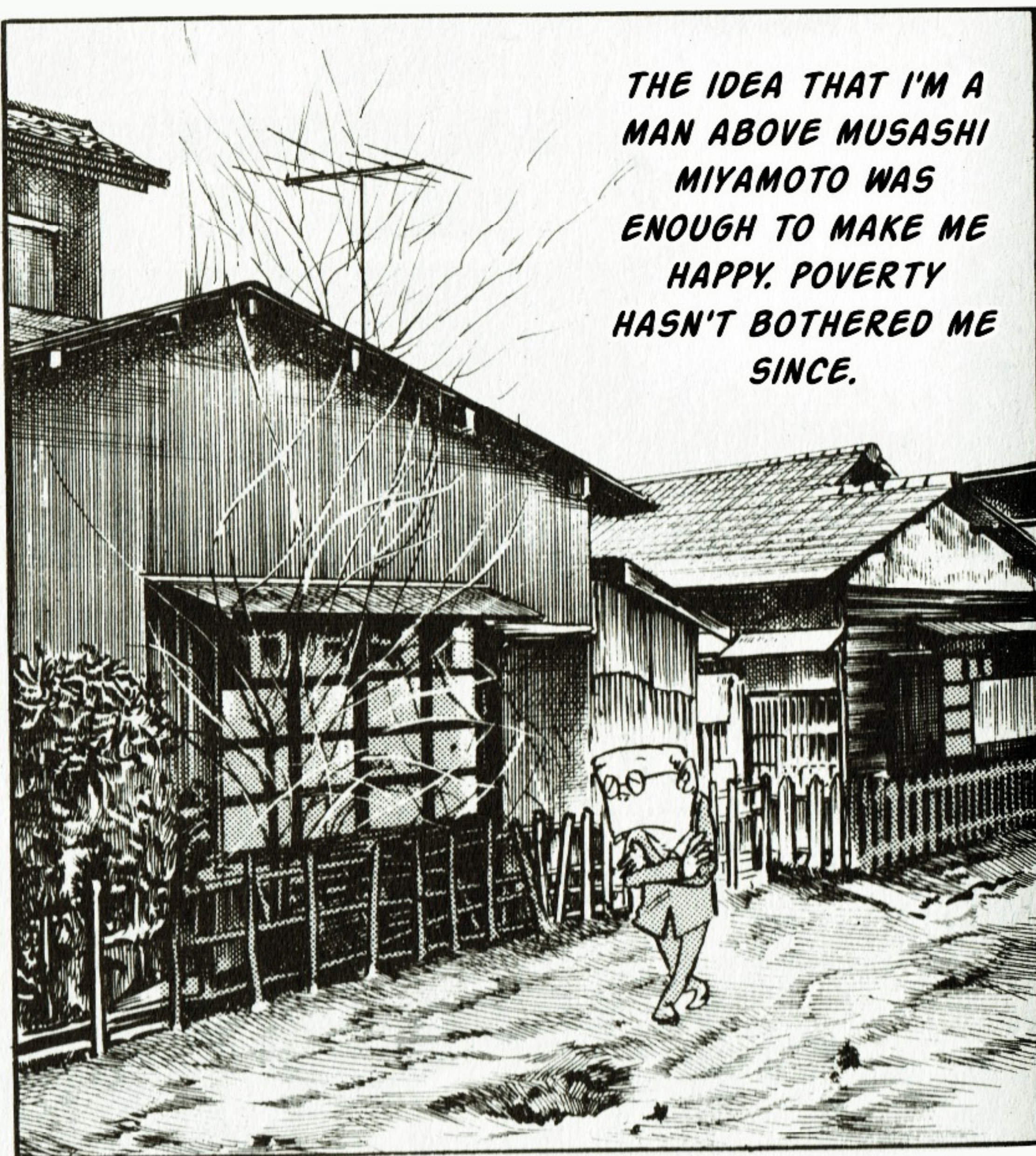
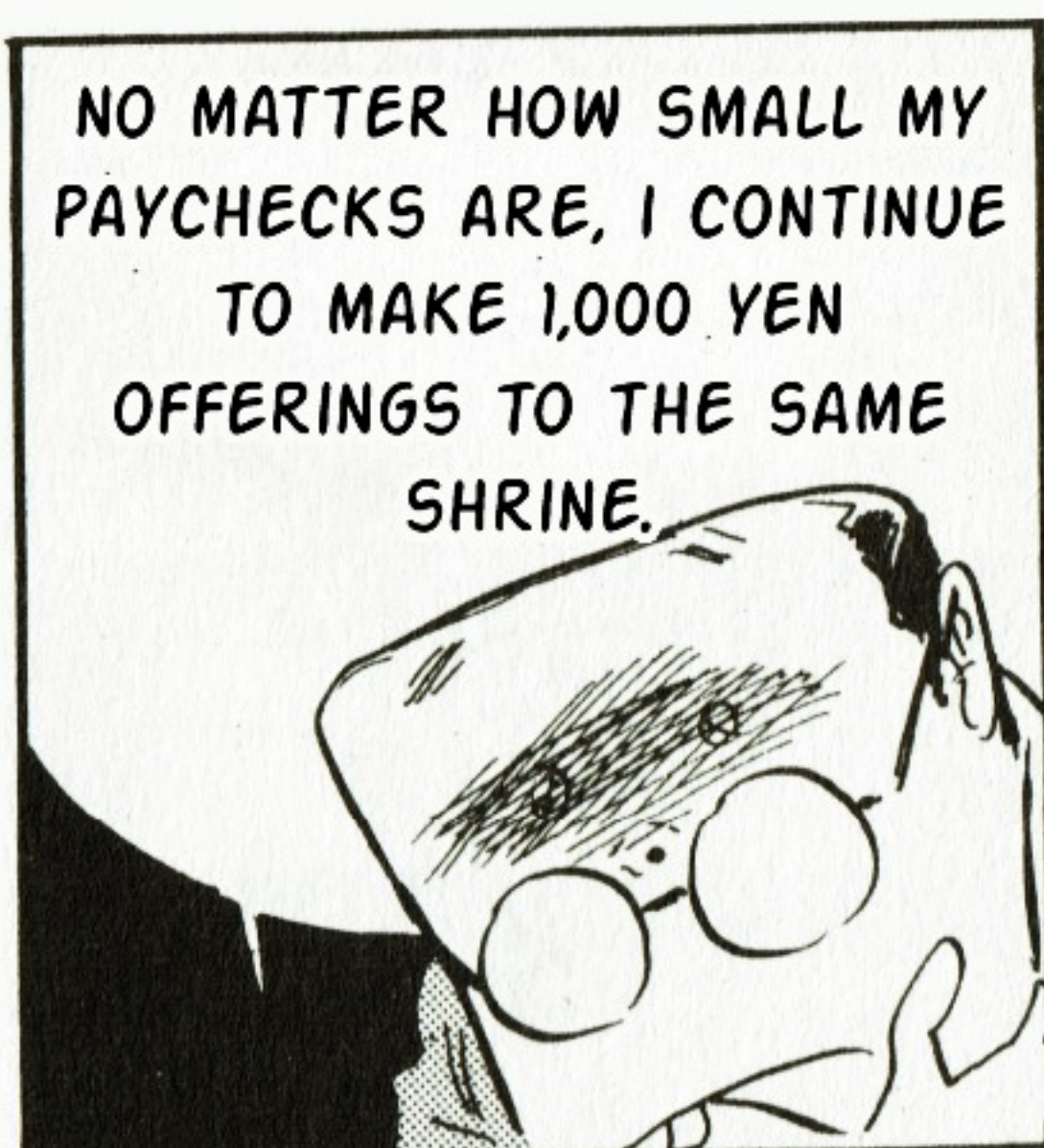
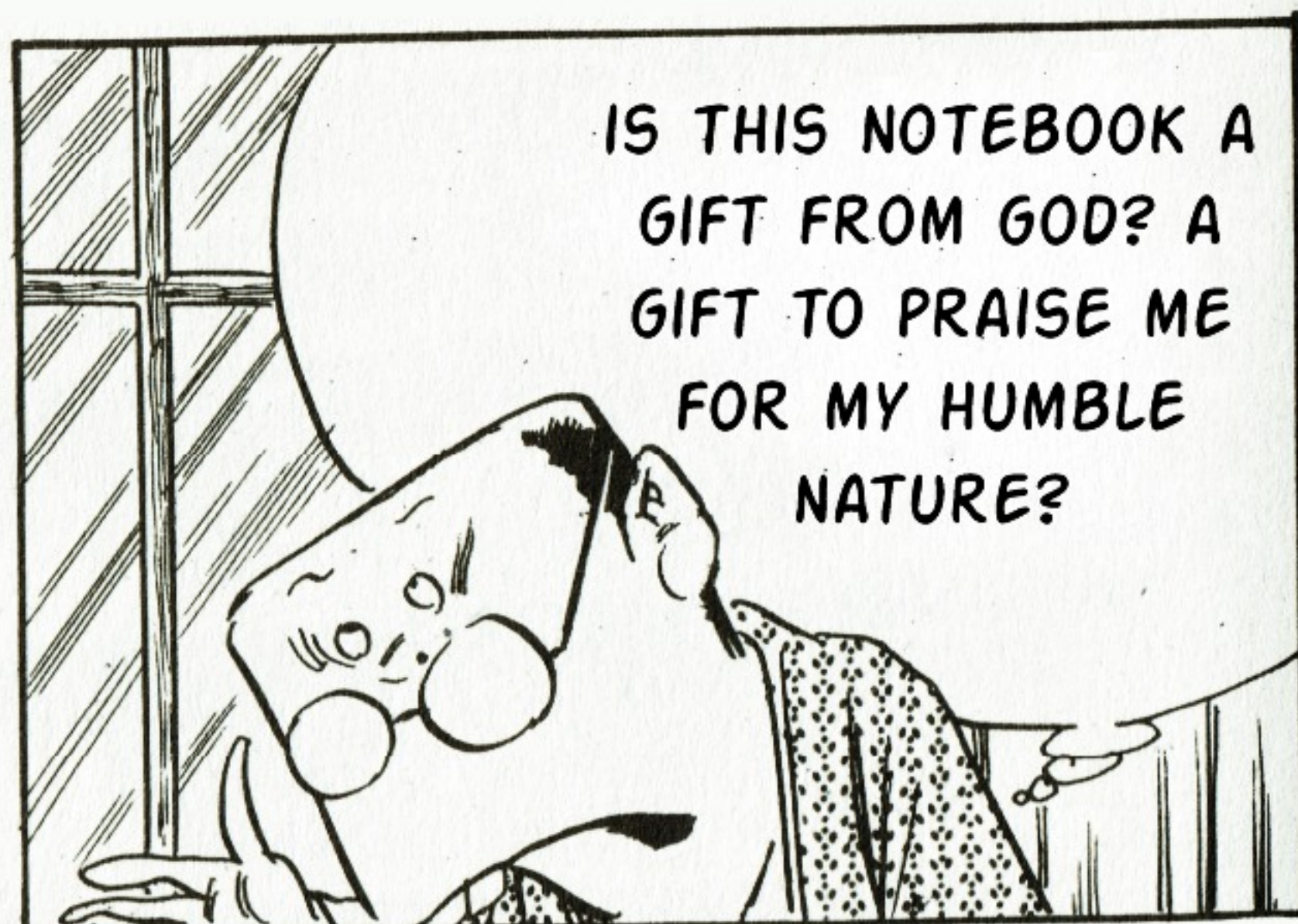
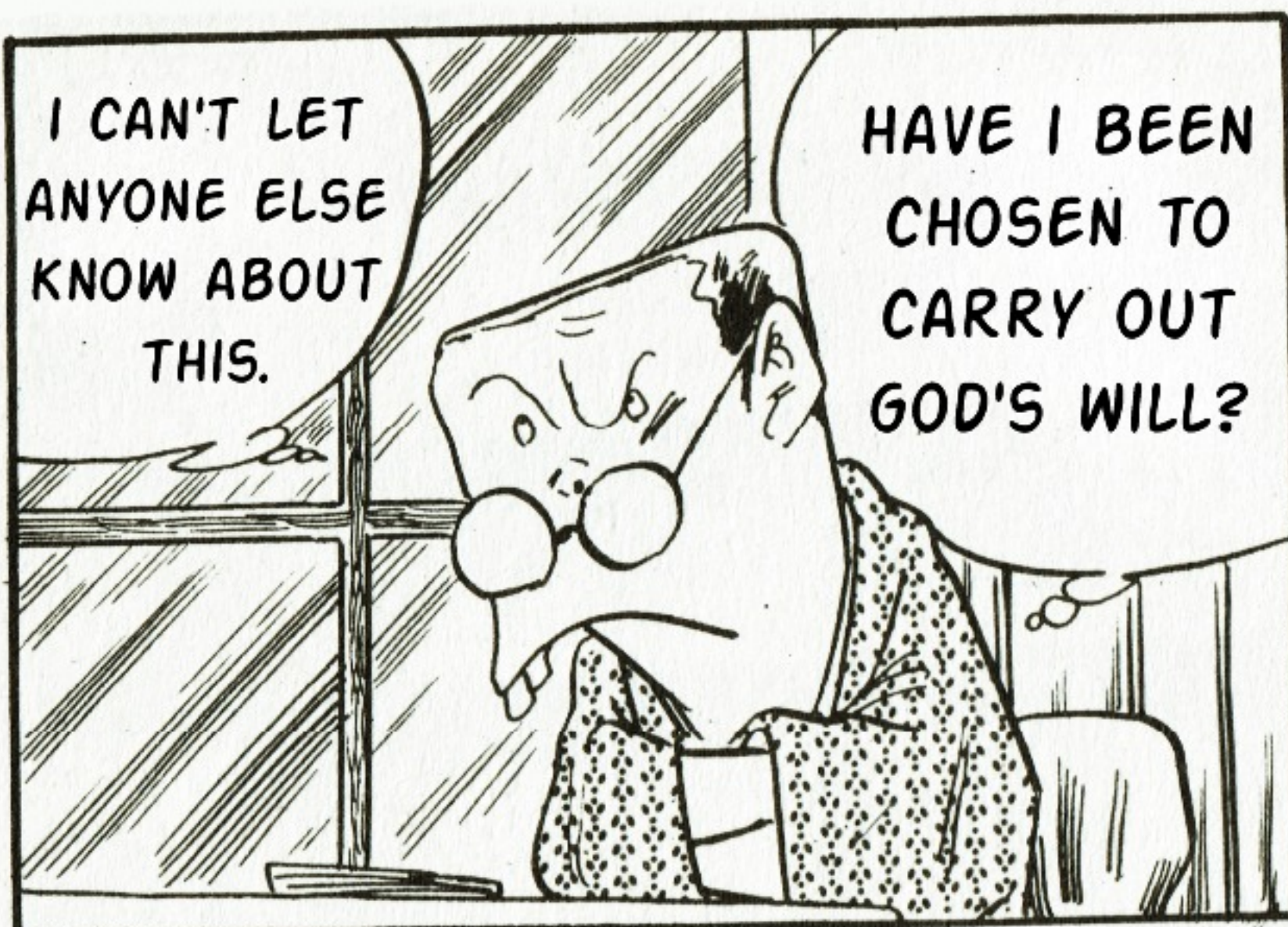


IT CAN'T
BE!!



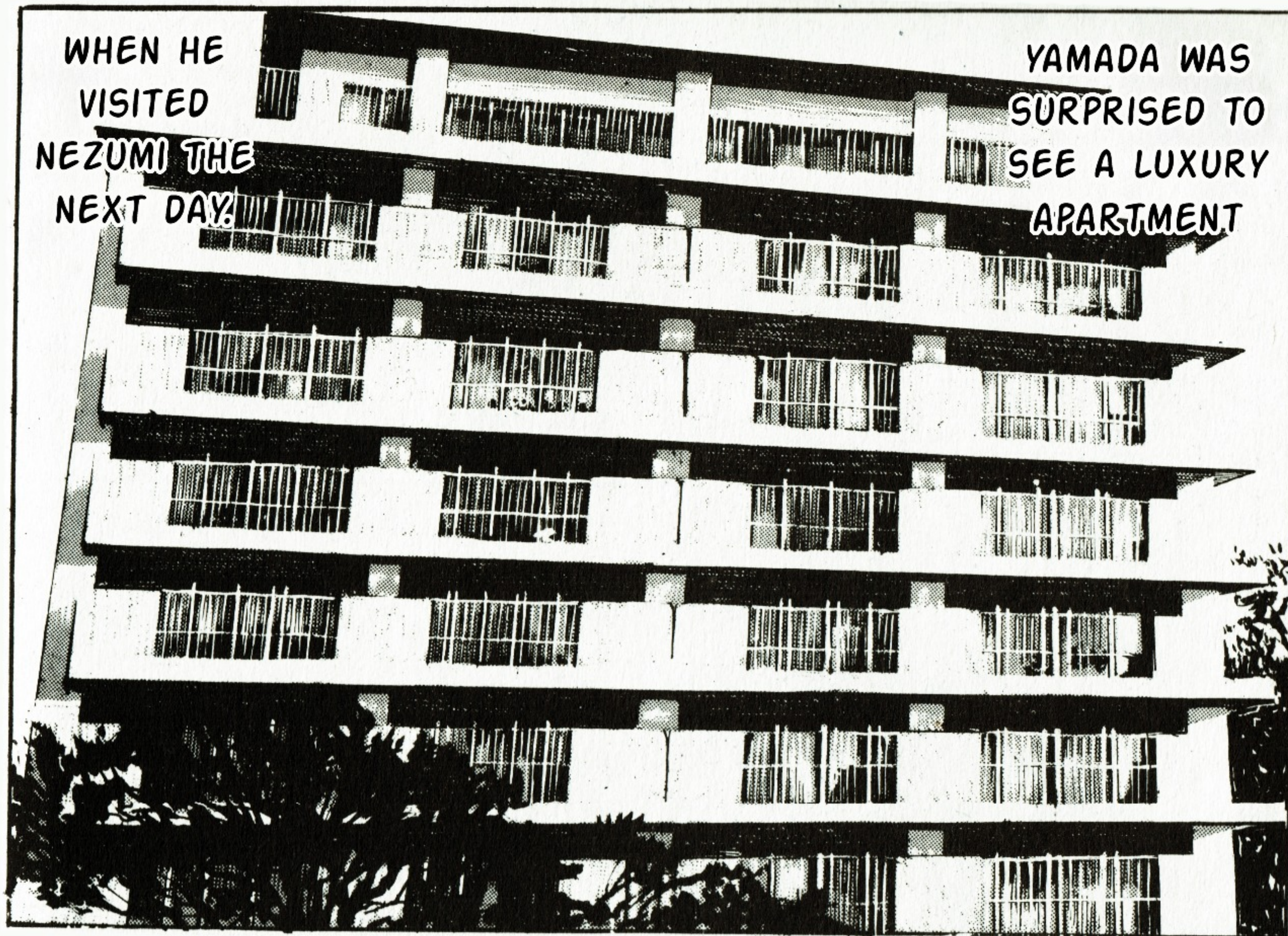
NO...

WHAT'S
WRONG,
DEAR?



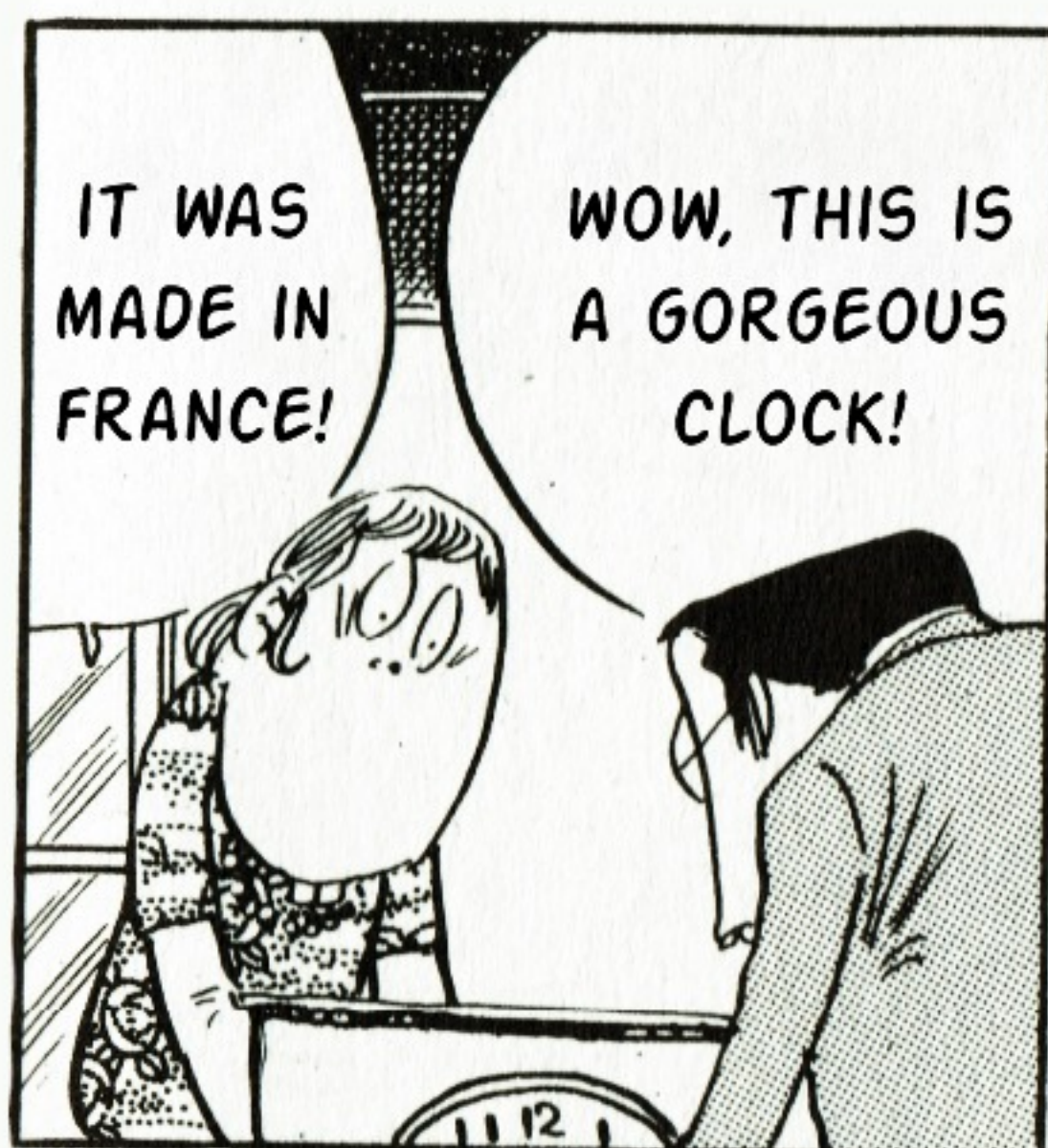
WHEN HE
VISITED
NEZUMI THE
NEXT DAY!

YAMADA WAS
SURPRISED TO
SEE A LUXURY
APARTMENT



HUH
...

YEP. I'M A VETERAN
OF THE ACCOUNTING
DEPARTMENT!



IT WAS
MADE IN
FRANCE!

WOW, THIS IS
A GORGEOUS
CLOCK!



ARE YOU
SURE THIS
IS THE
PLACE?



WHILE WE'RE AT IT,
LET'S SURPRISE YOU
WITH SOMETHING ELSE.



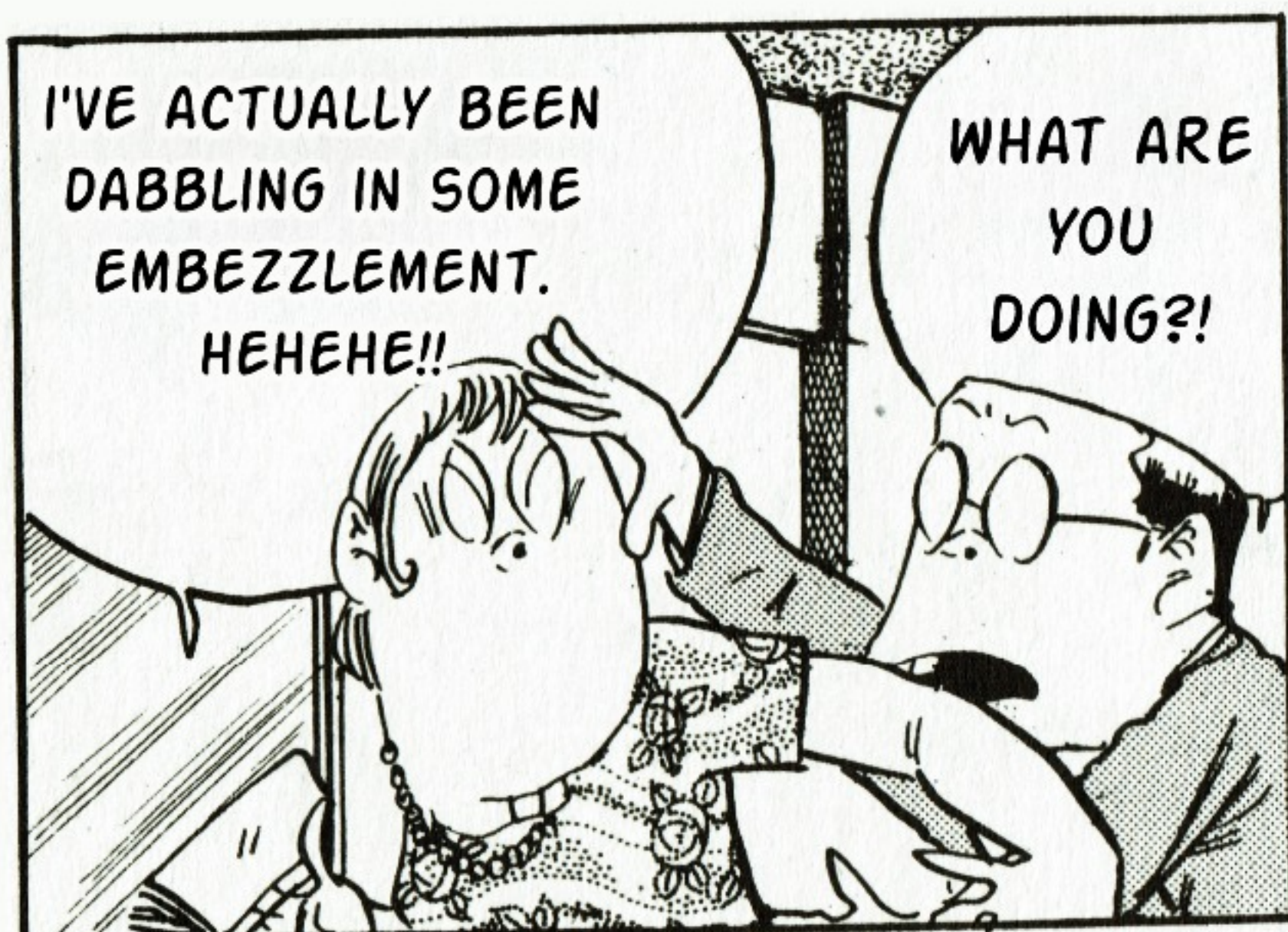
YOU GET
SURPRISED BY
EVERYTHING,
HUH?

ACK!!



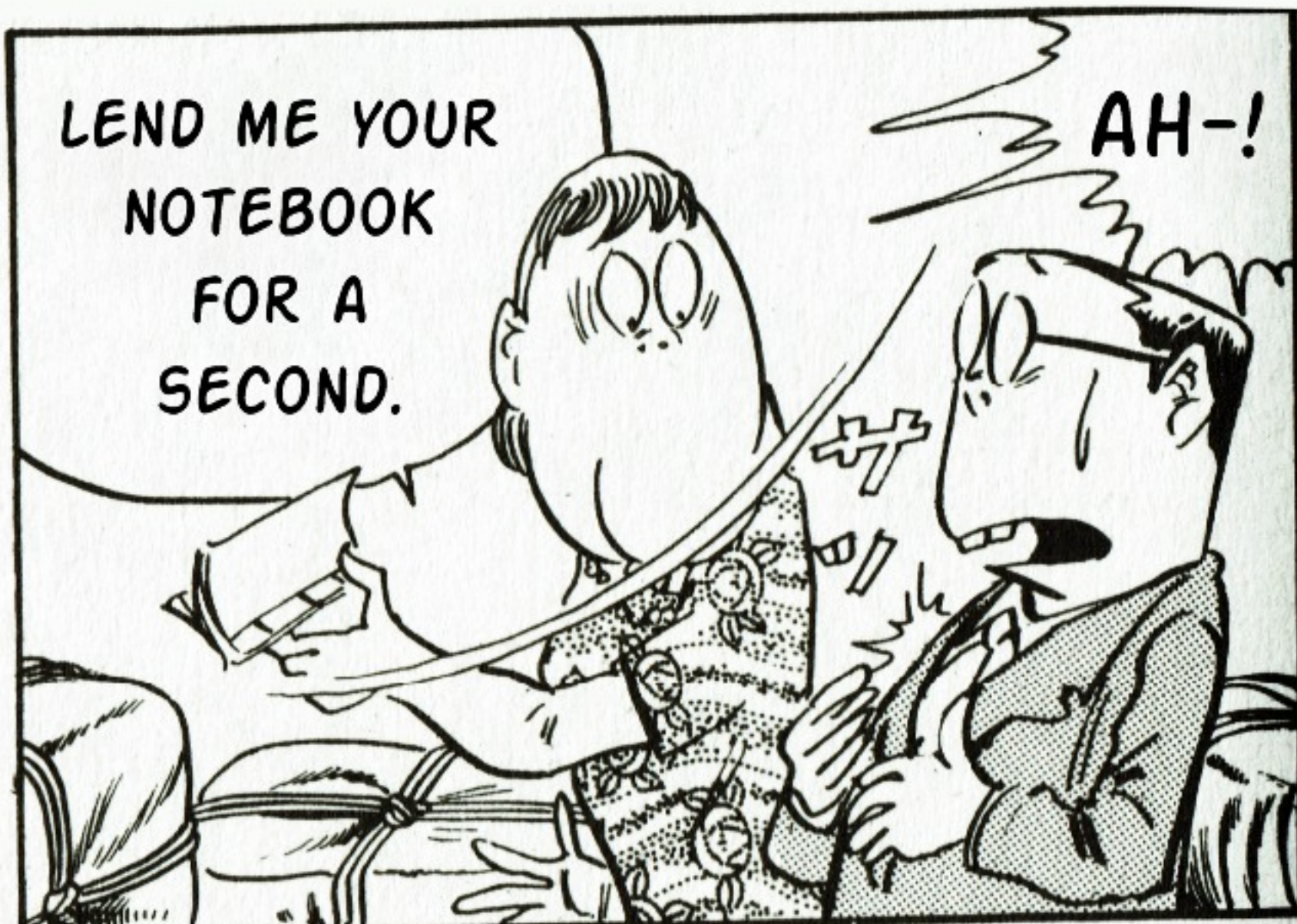
THAT'S
MADE OF
DIAMOND.

WHAT A BIG
GLASS THIS
IS...



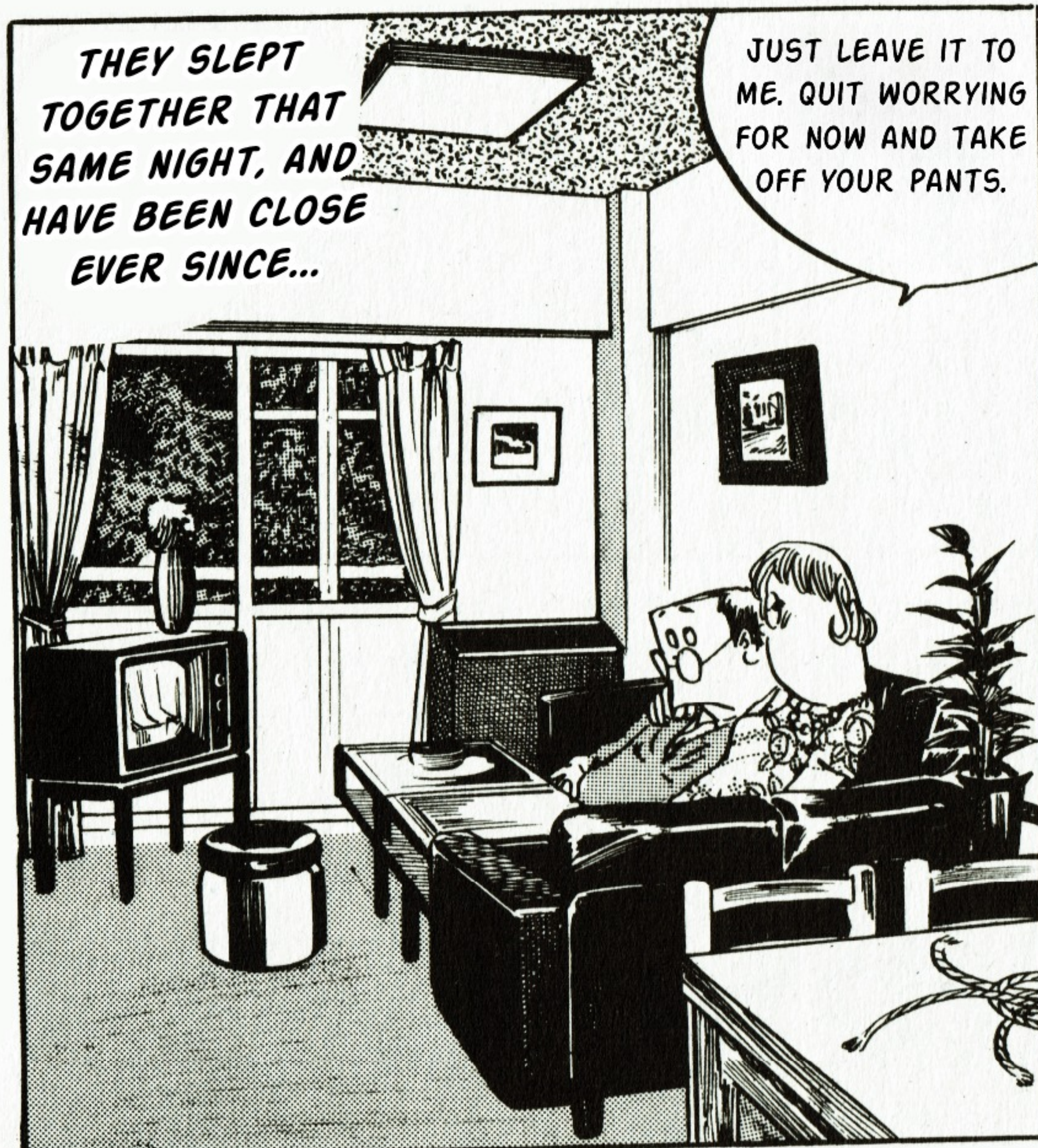
I'VE ACTUALLY BEEN
DABBLING IN SOME
EMBEZZLEMENT.
HEHEHE!!

WHAT ARE
YOU
DOING?!



LEND ME YOUR
NOTEBOOK
FOR A
SECOND.

AH-!



THEY SLEPT
TOGETHER THAT
SAME NIGHT, AND
HAVE BEEN CLOSE
EVER SINCE...

JUST LEAVE IT TO
ME. QUIT WORRYING
FOR NOW AND TAKE
OFF YOUR PANTS.



IF ANYONE FINDS
OUT, I CAN JUST
TAKE CARE OF
THEM WITH
THIS!

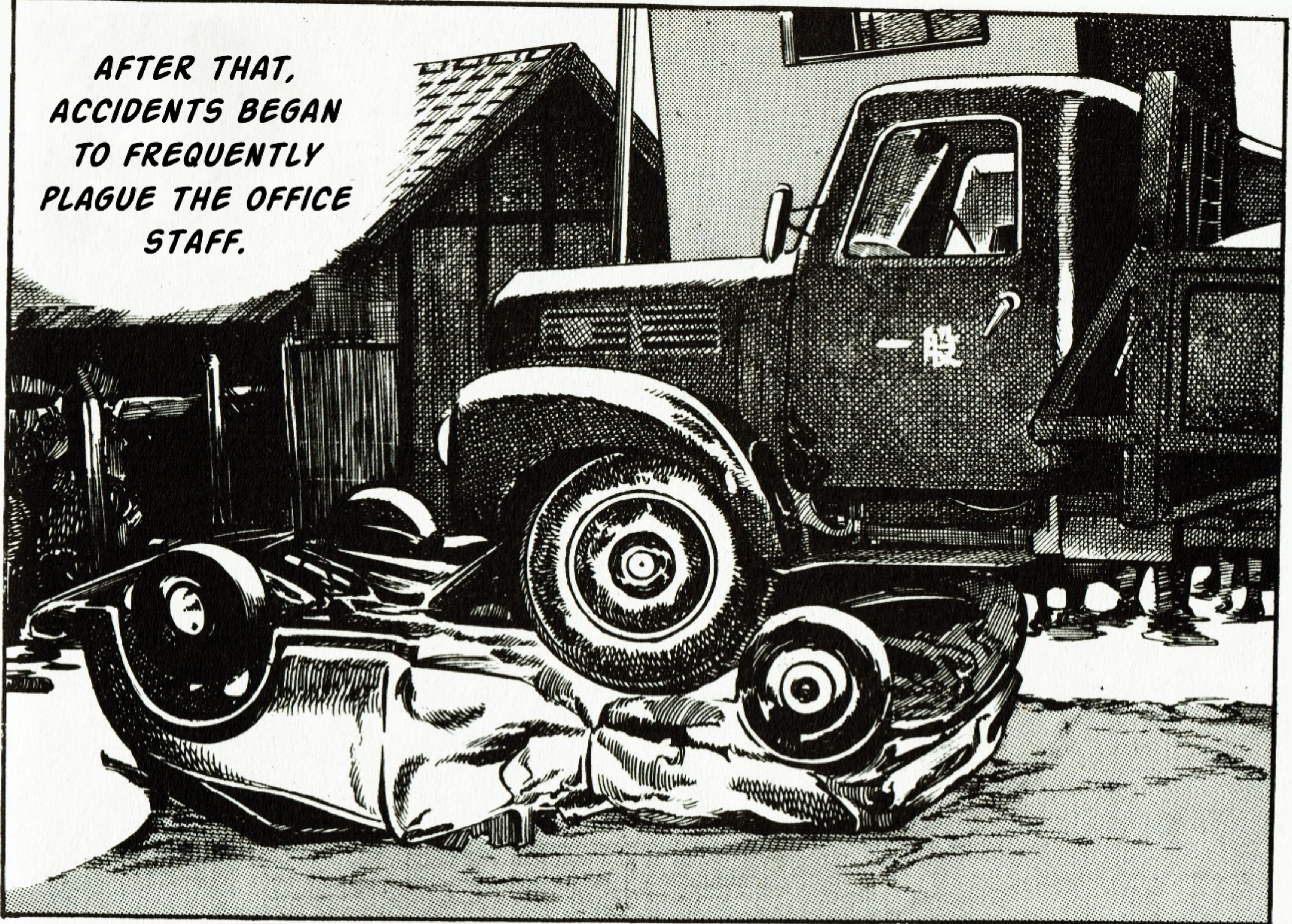
C-
COME
AGAIN?



YOU'LL
HAVE TO
COME
CLEAN!

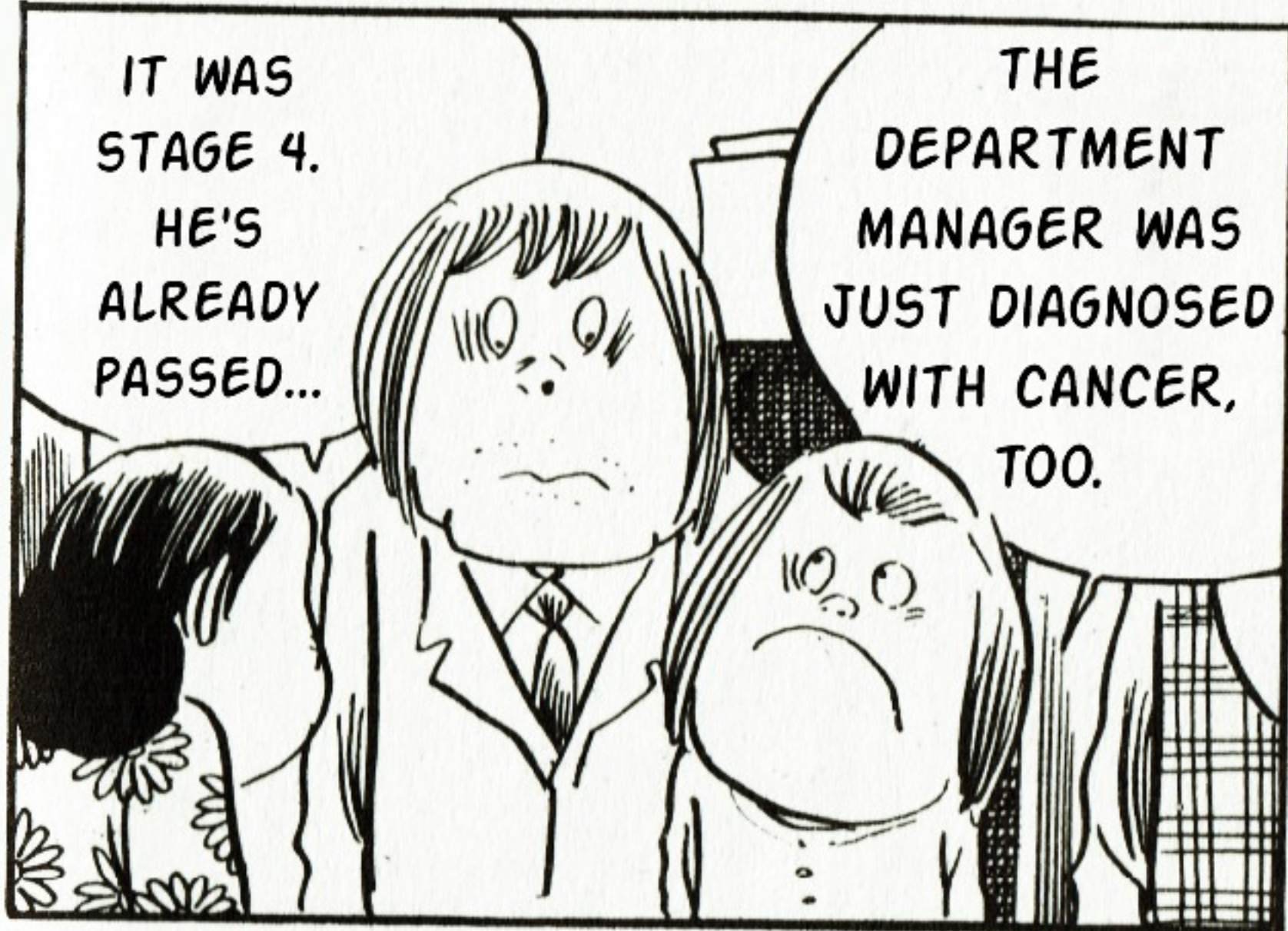
WHAT ARE
YOU GONNA
DO IF THE
POLICE FIND
OUT?

AFTER THAT,
ACCIDENTS BEGAN
TO FREQUENTLY
PLAGUE THE OFFICE
STAFF.



IT WAS
STAGE 4.
HE'S
ALREADY
PASSED...

THE
DEPARTMENT
MANAGER WAS
JUST DIAGNOSED
WITH CANCER,
TOO.



I HEARD THAT
IT WAS NEAR
A YAKUZA
BAR...

OUR SECTION CHIEF
WAS KILLED IN A CAR
ACCIDENT...

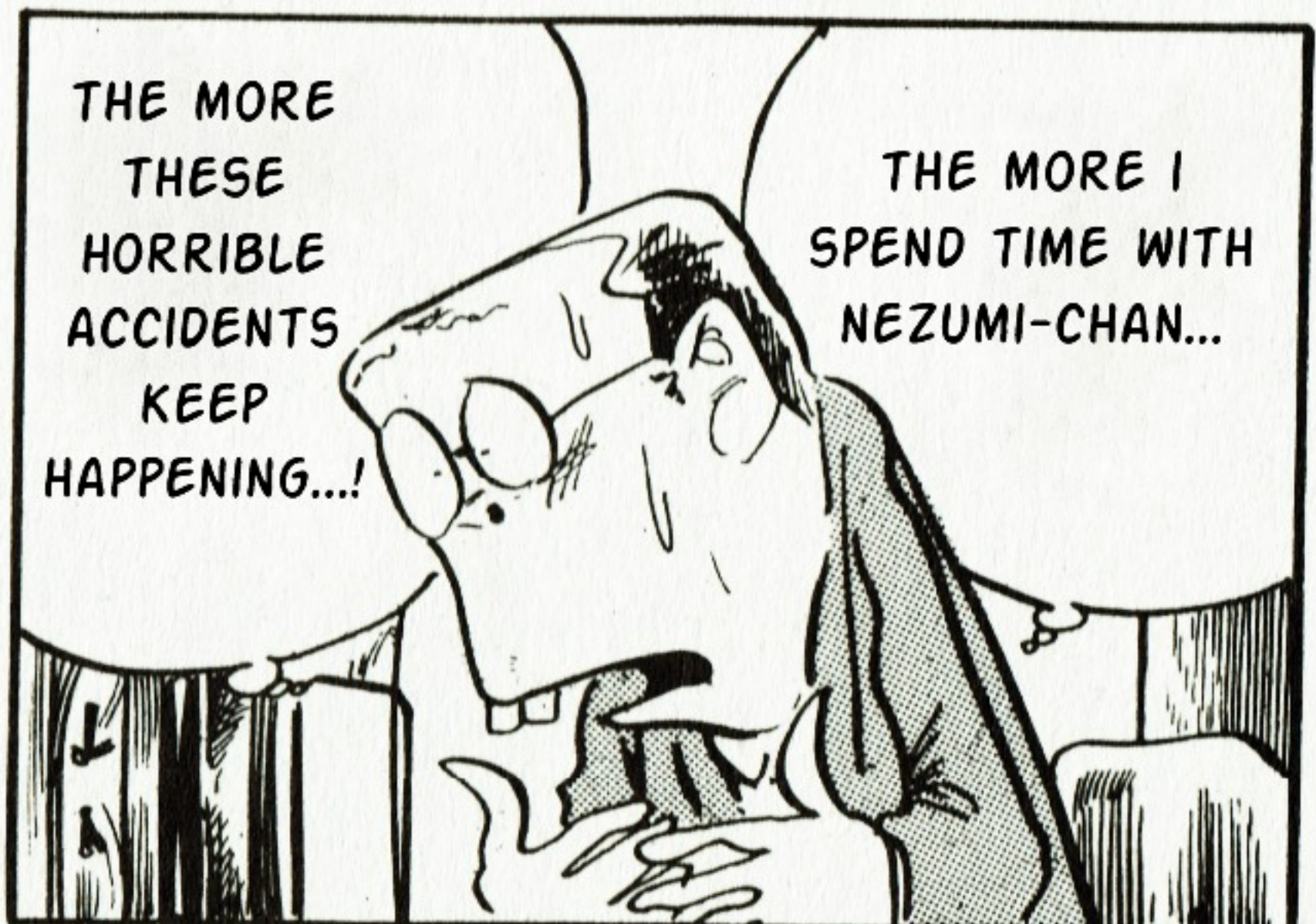


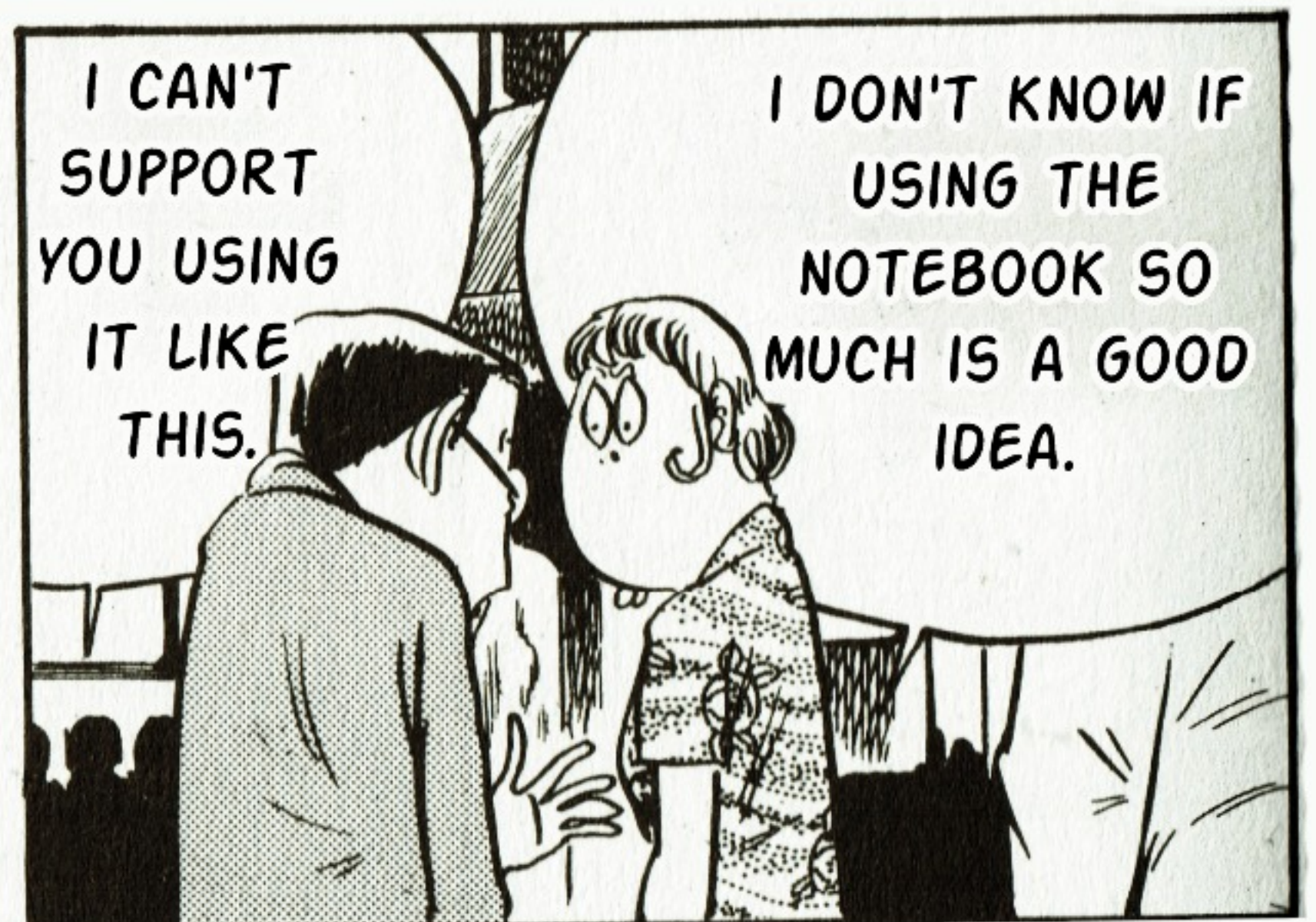
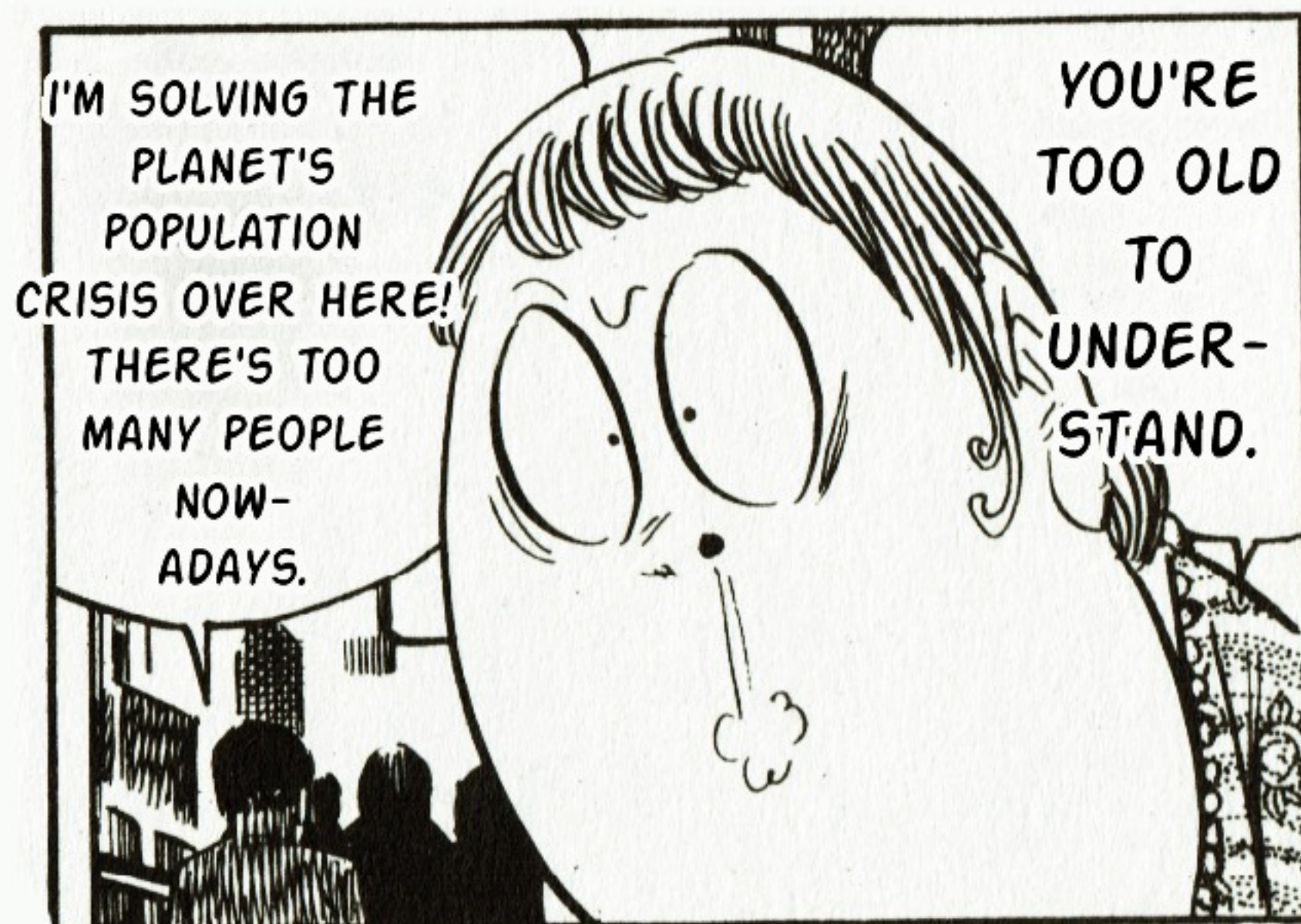
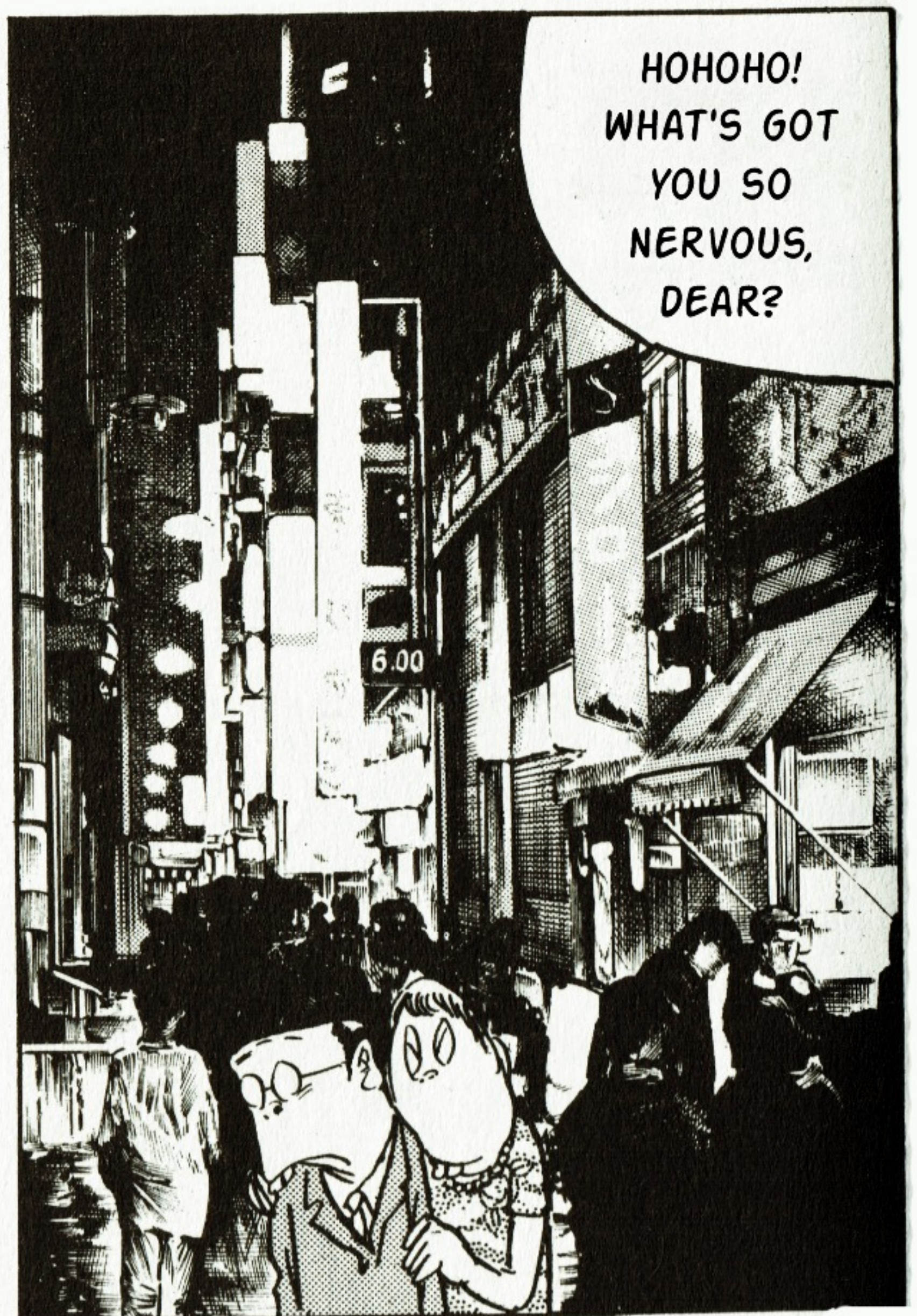
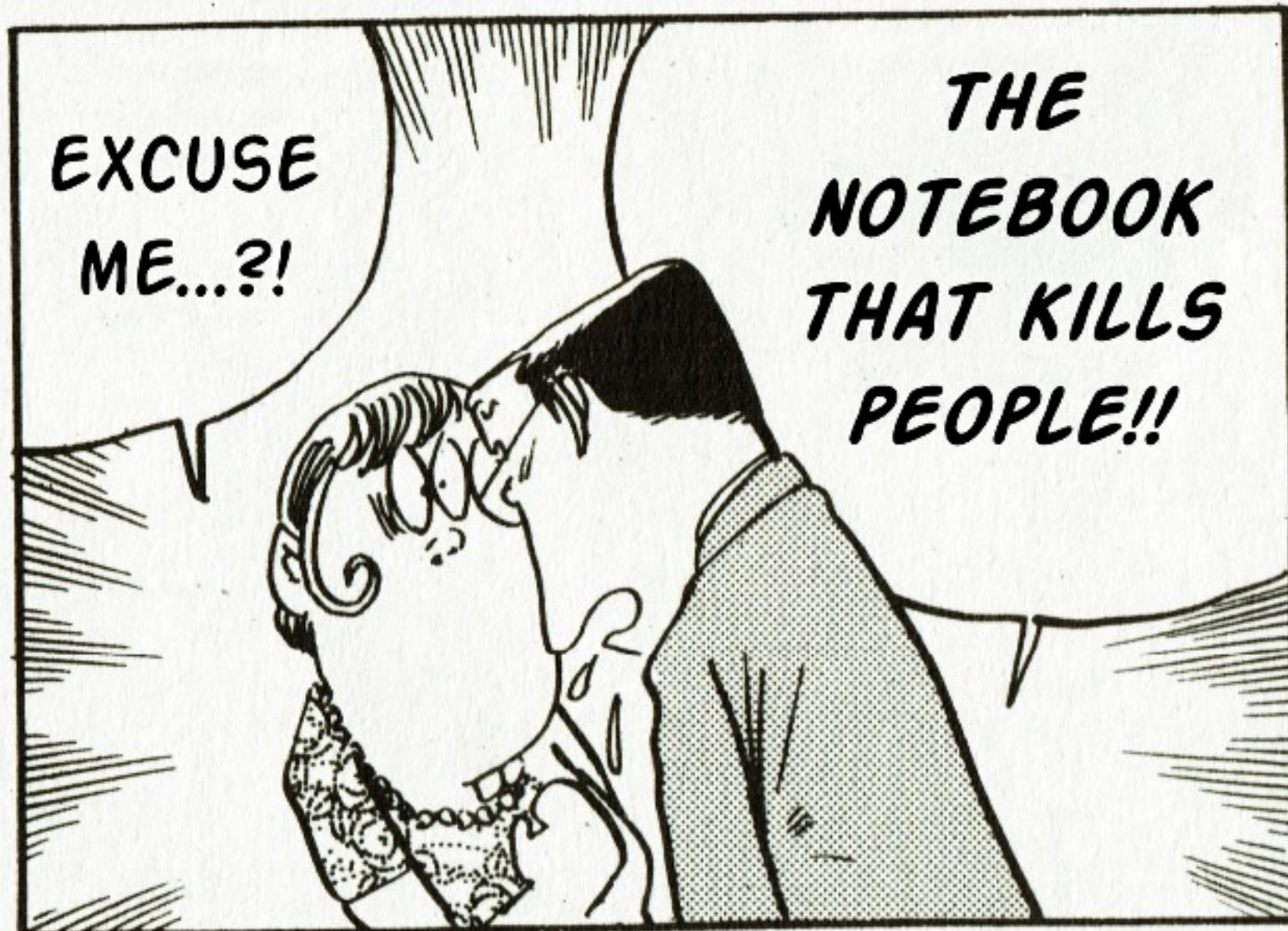
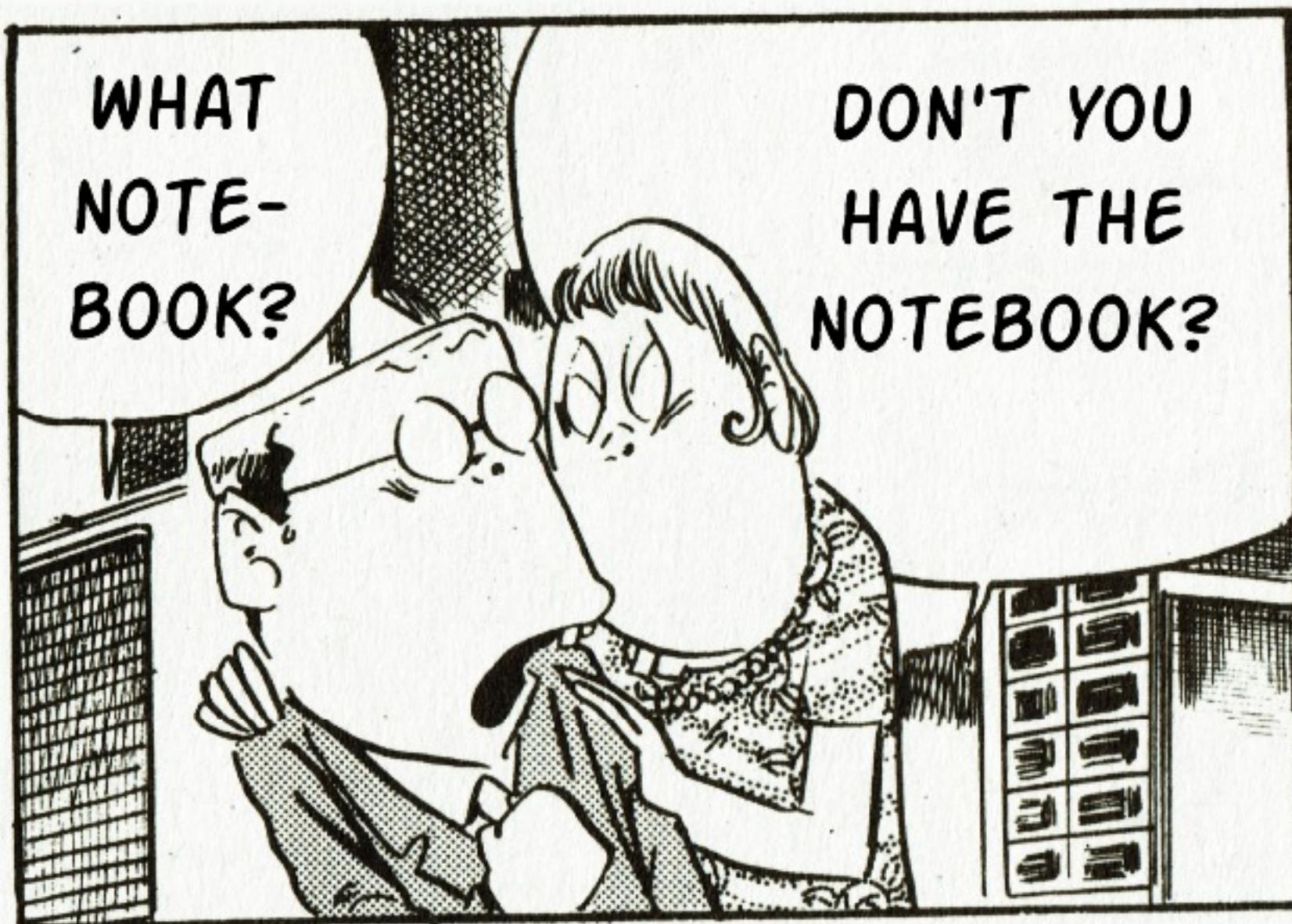
THIS IS ALL MY FAULT FOR
BEING SEDUCED BY THAT
"NEZUMI" WOMAN...!

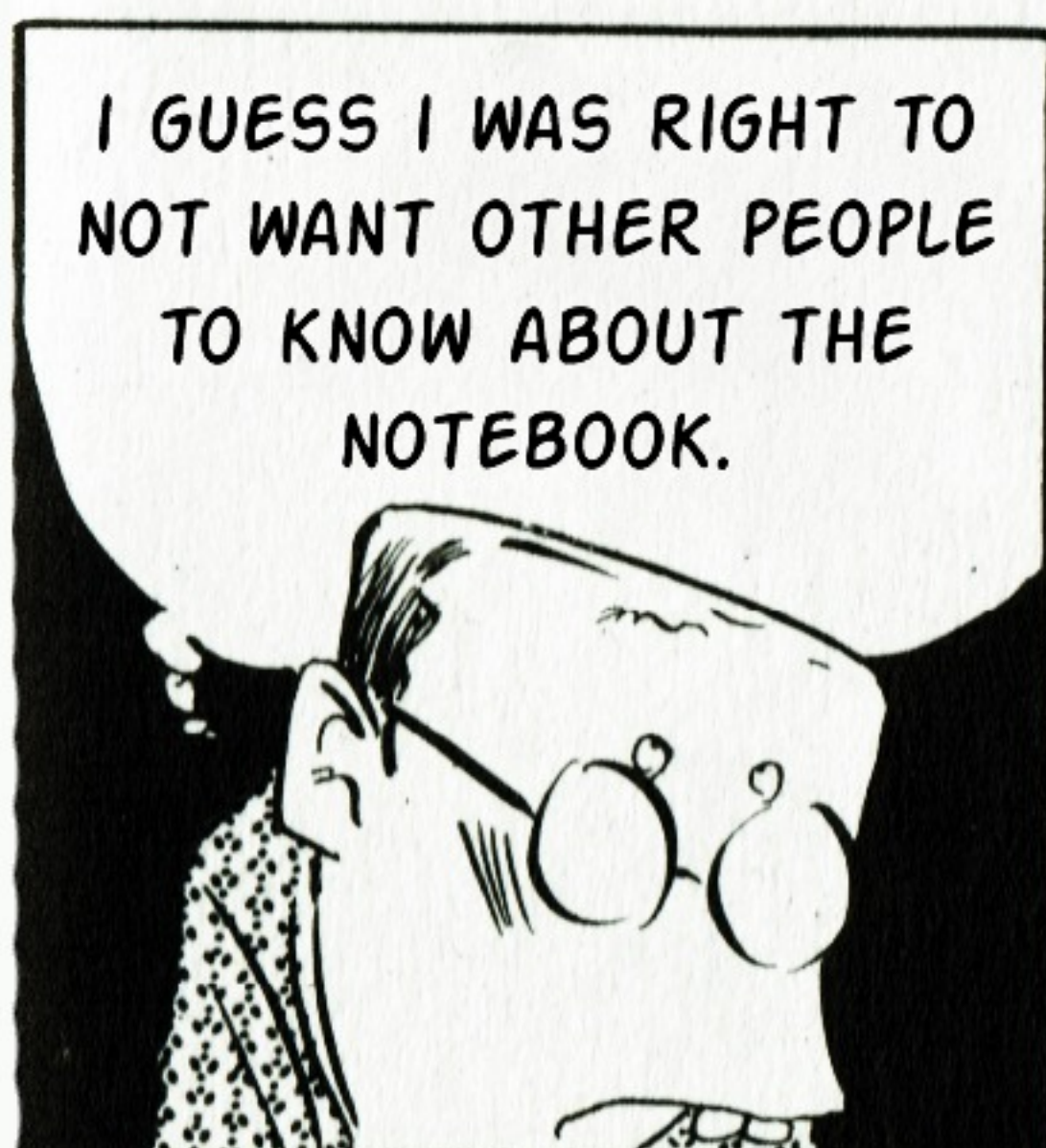
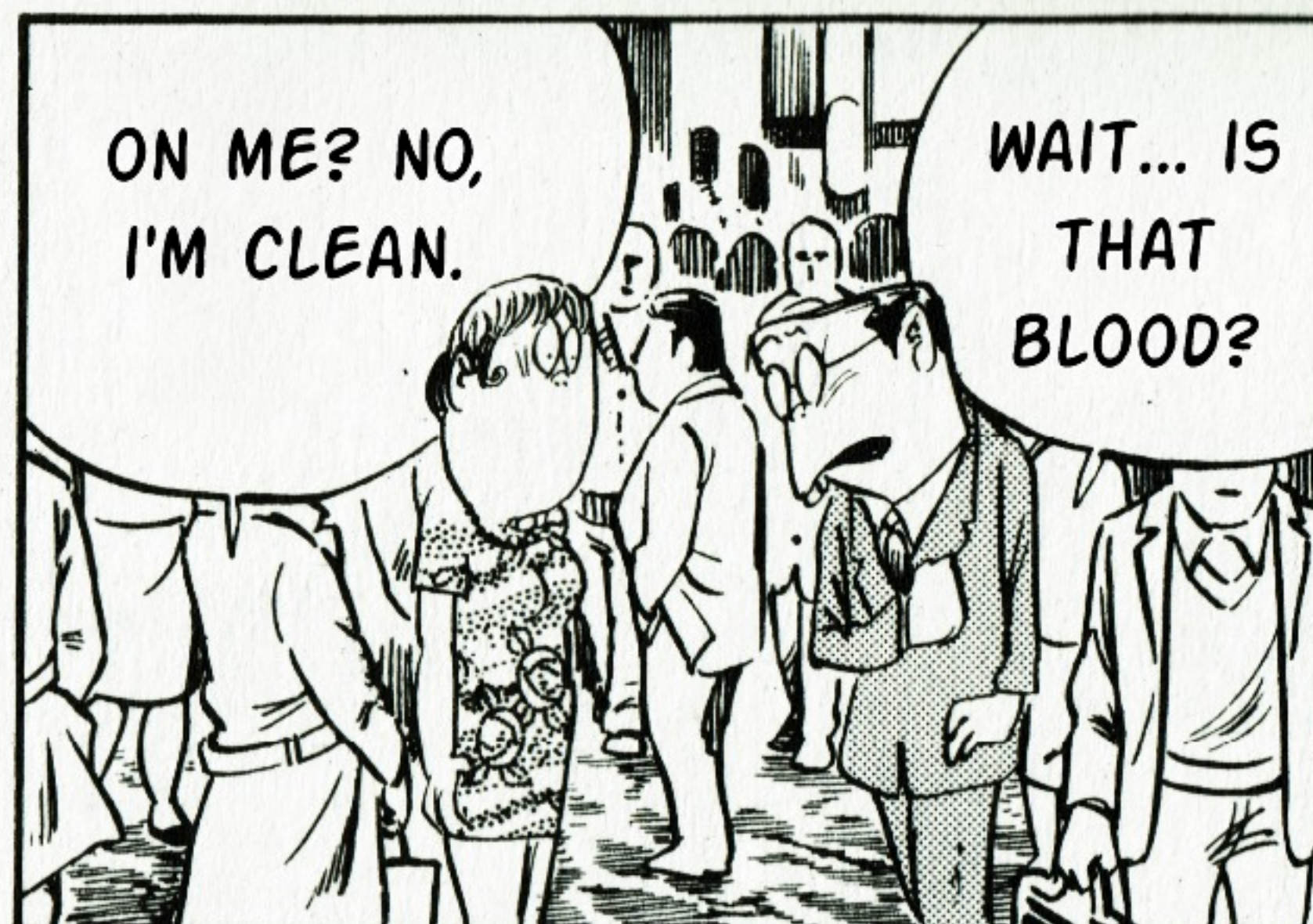


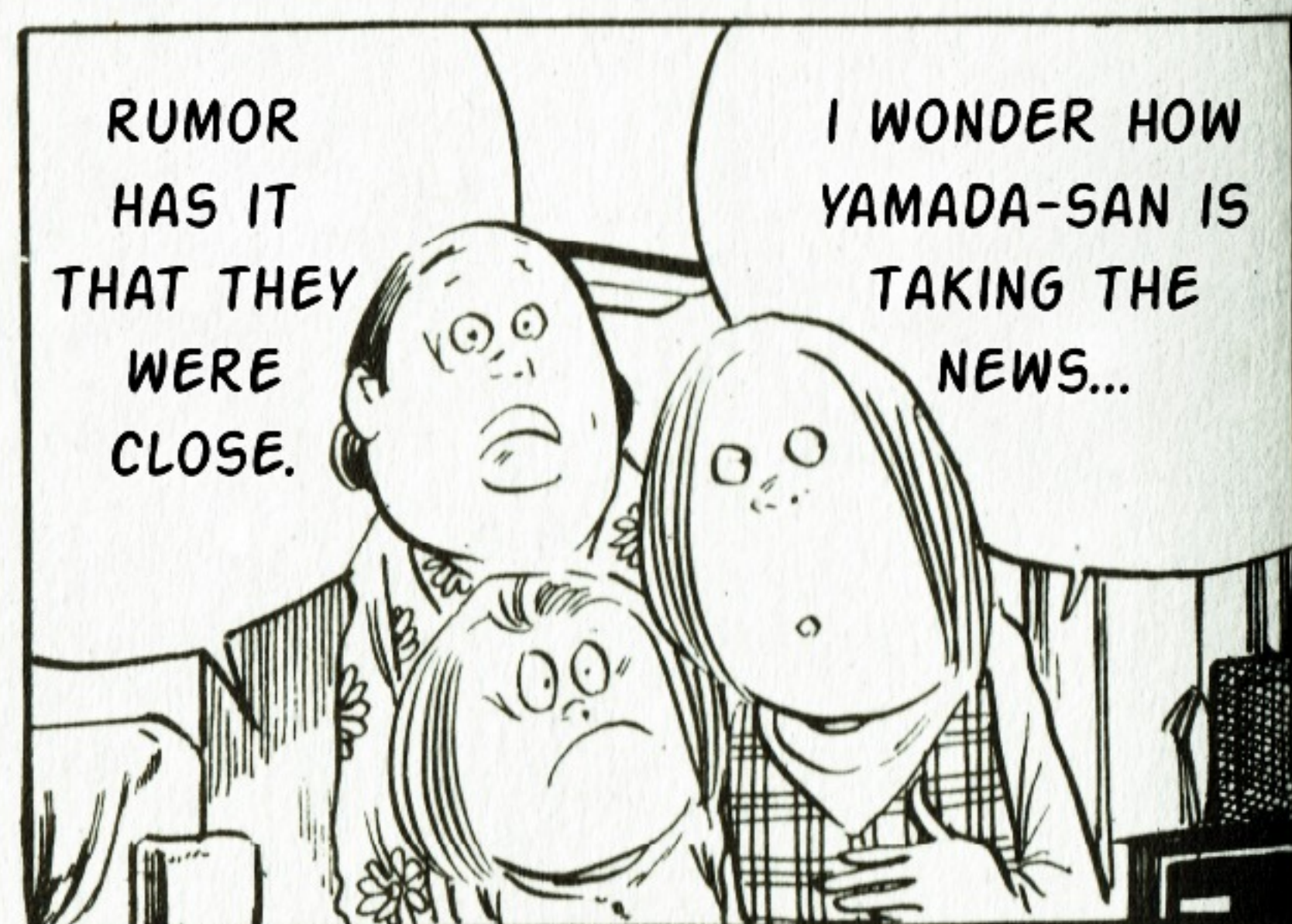
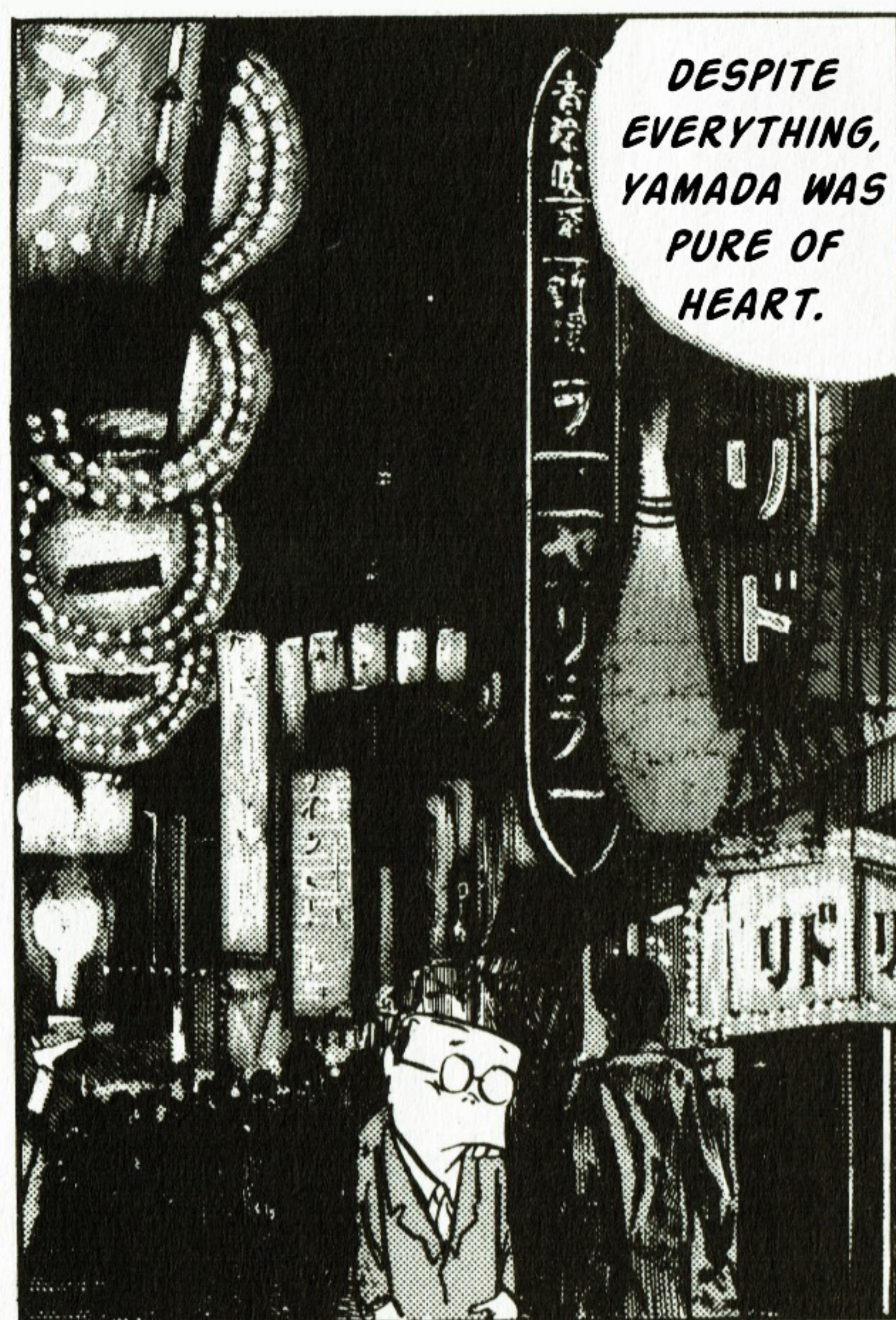
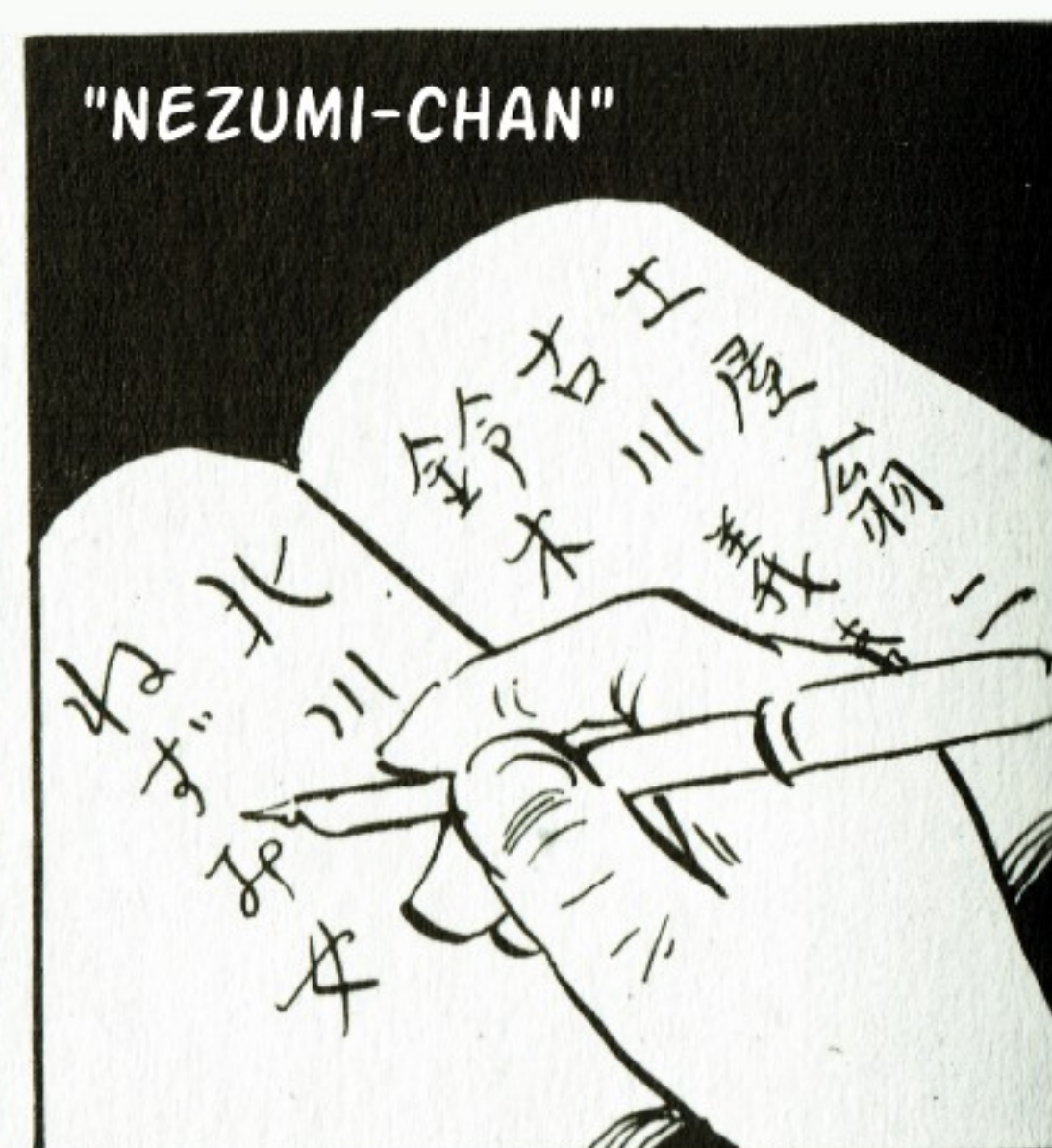
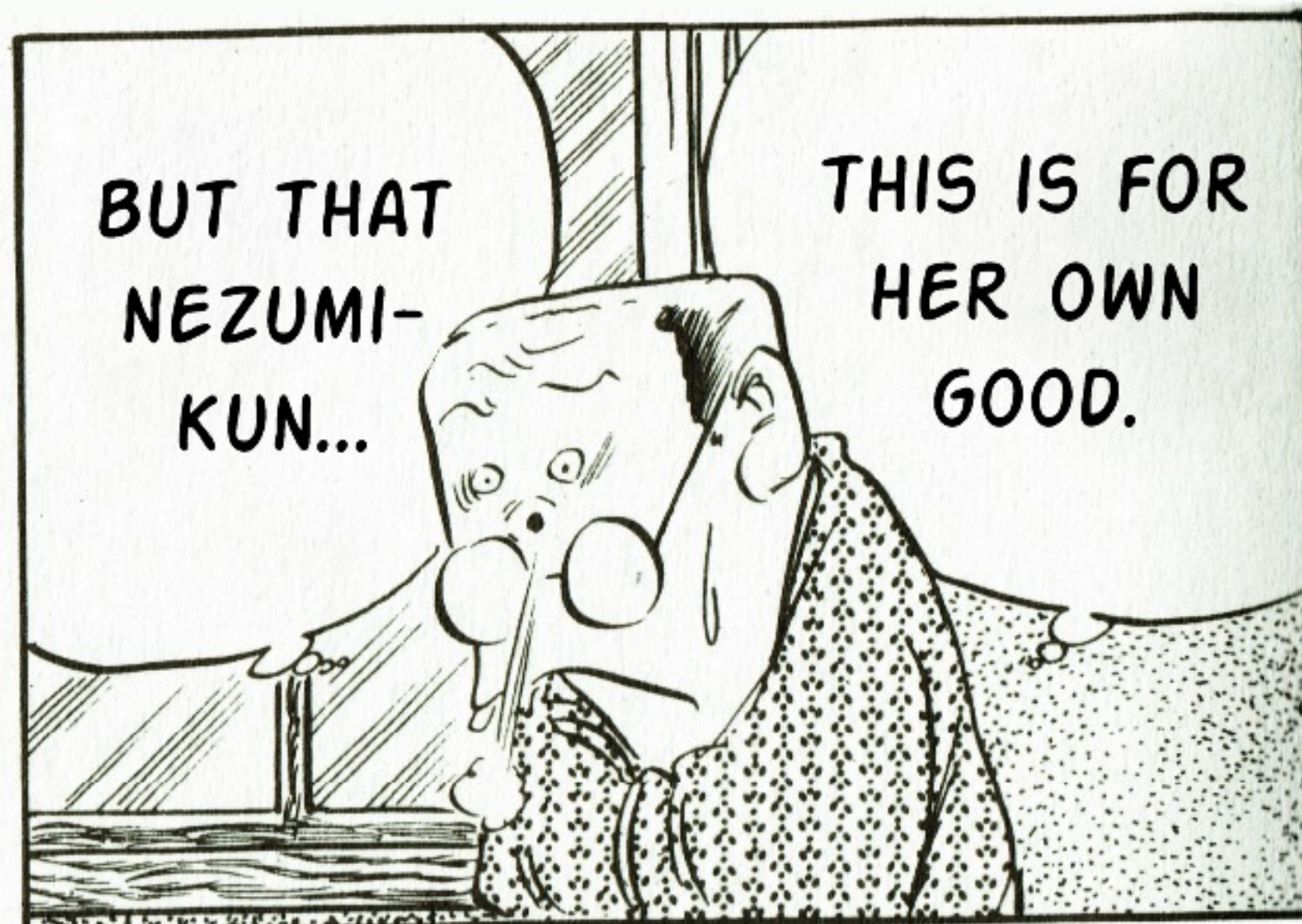
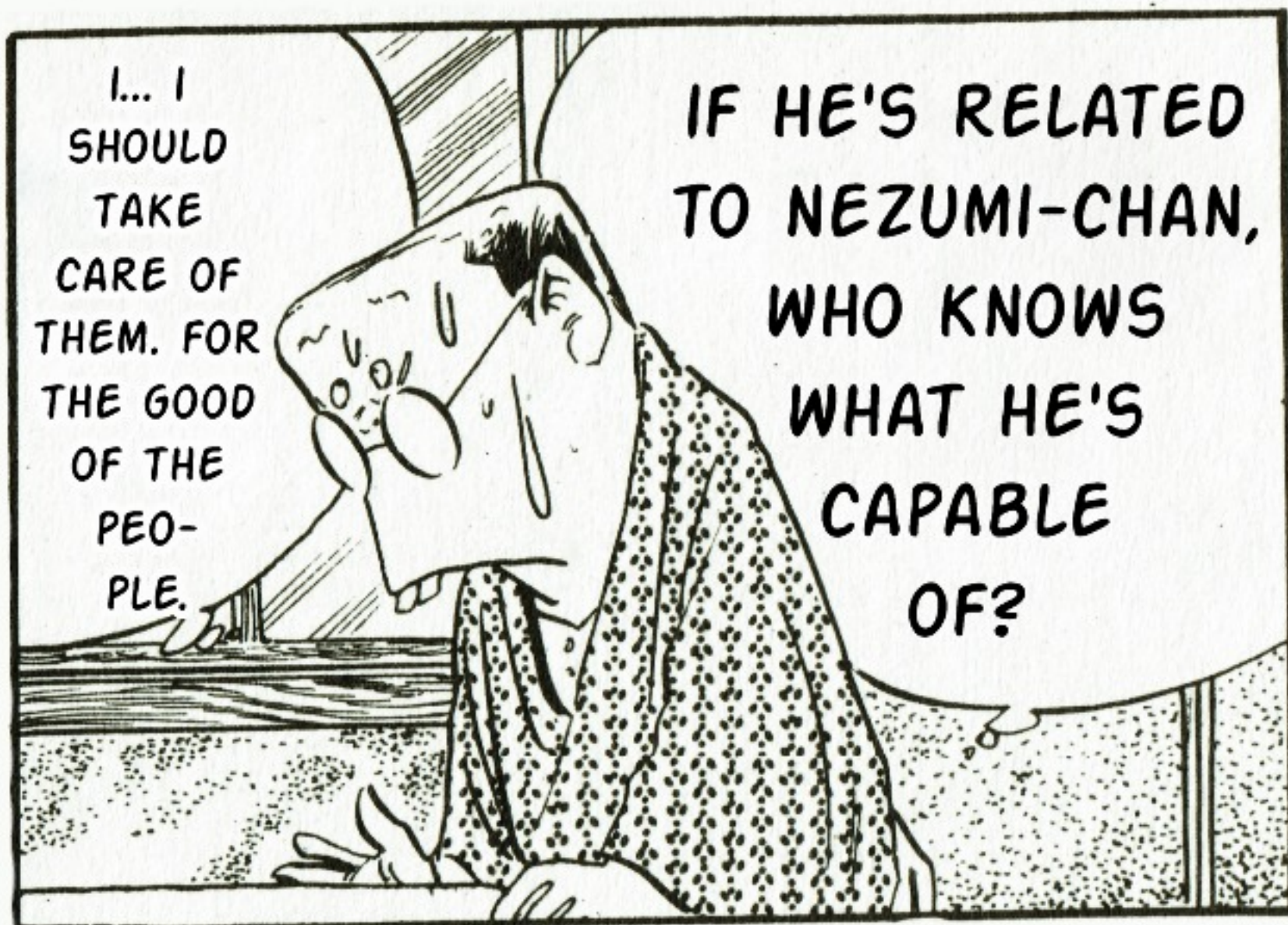
THE MORE
THESE
HORRIBLE
ACCIDENTS
KEEP
HAPPENING...!

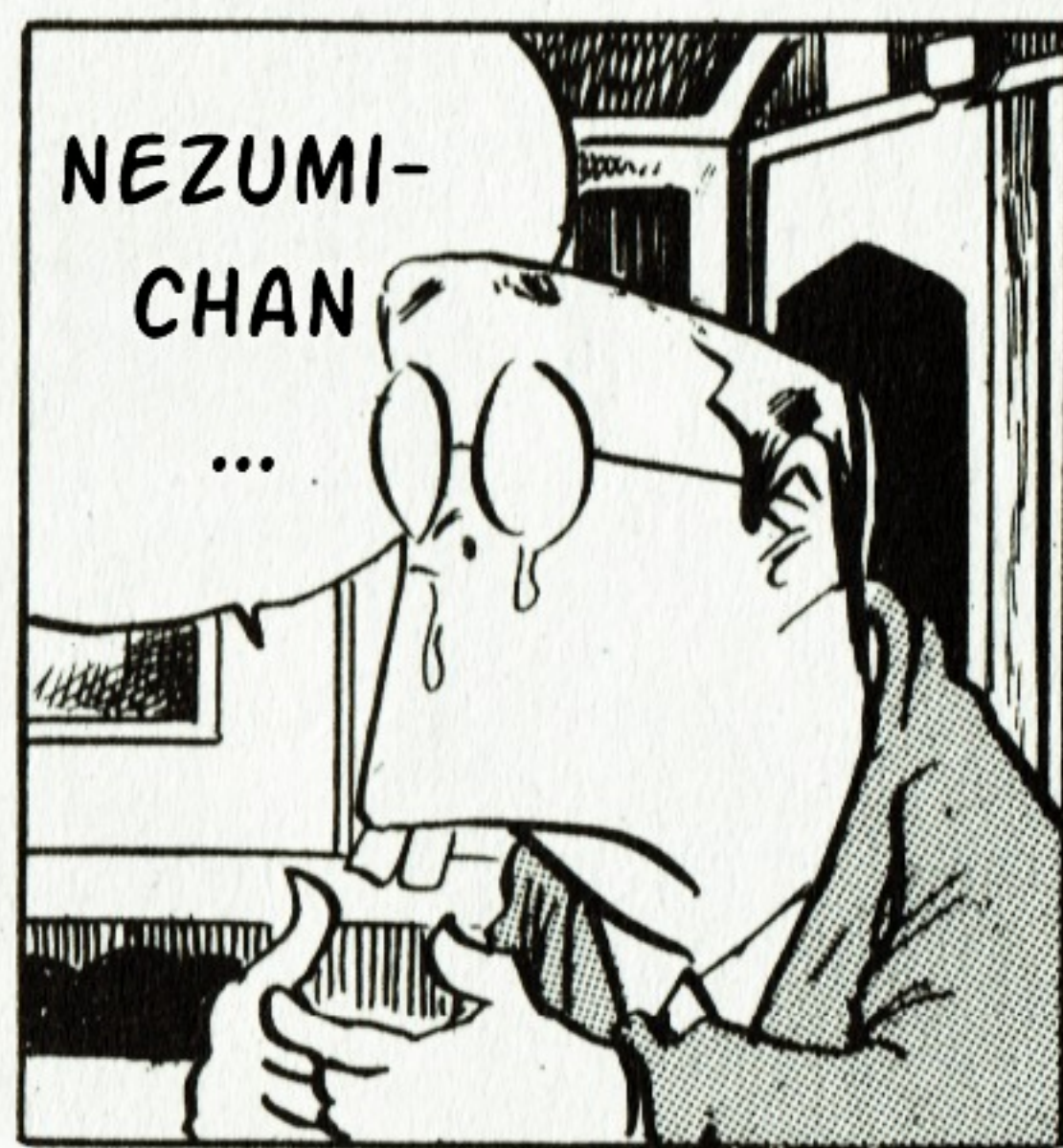
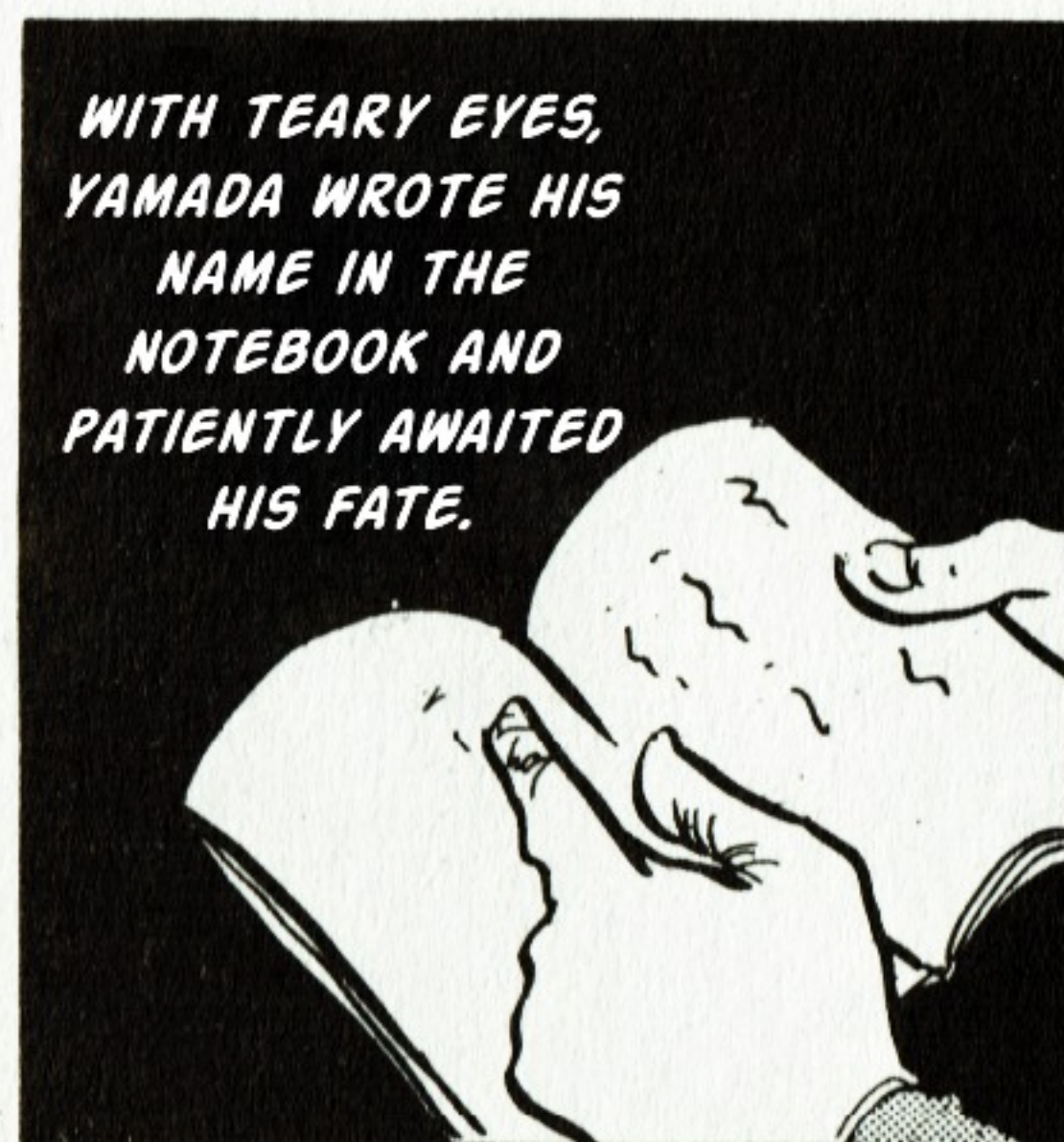
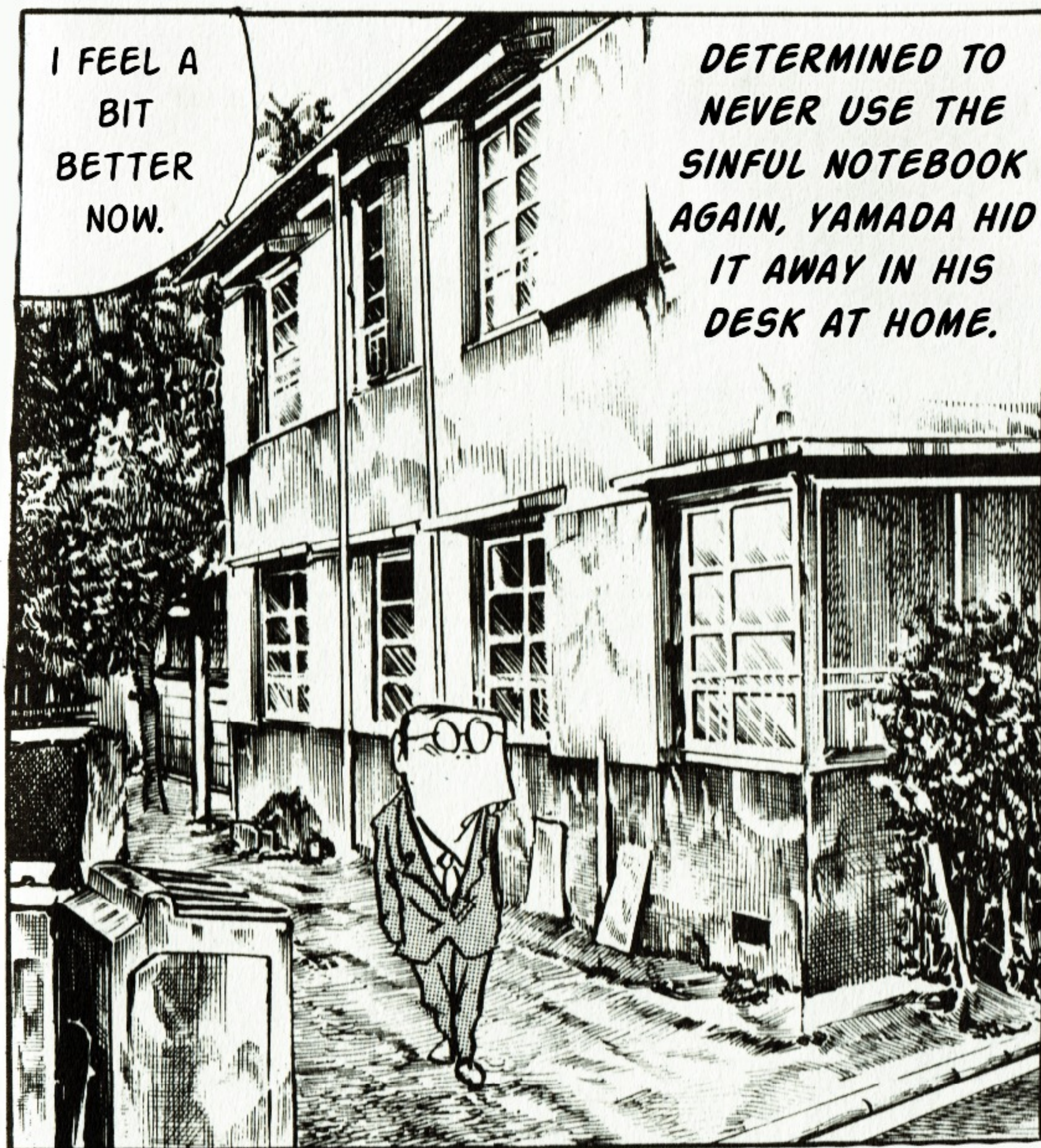
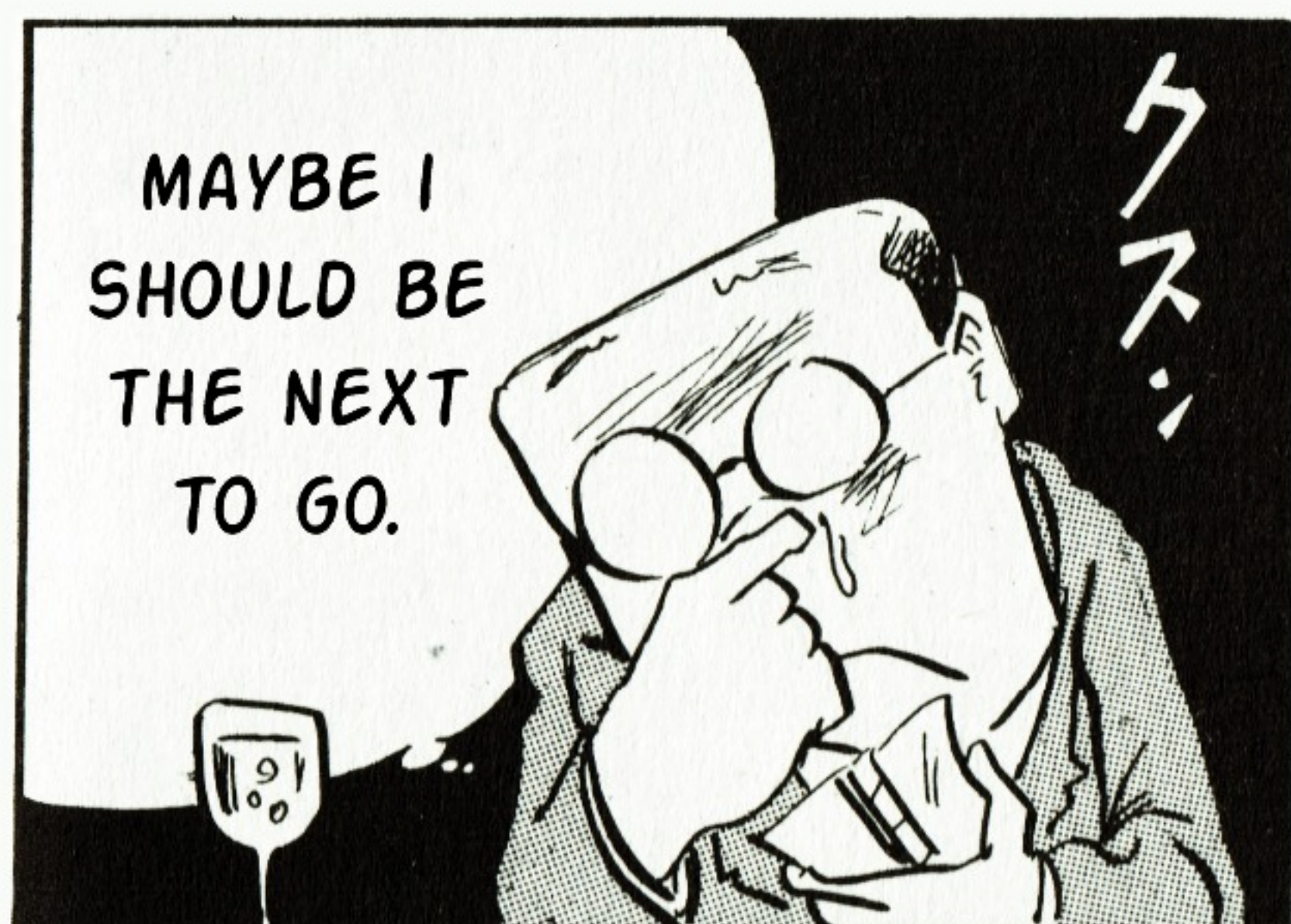
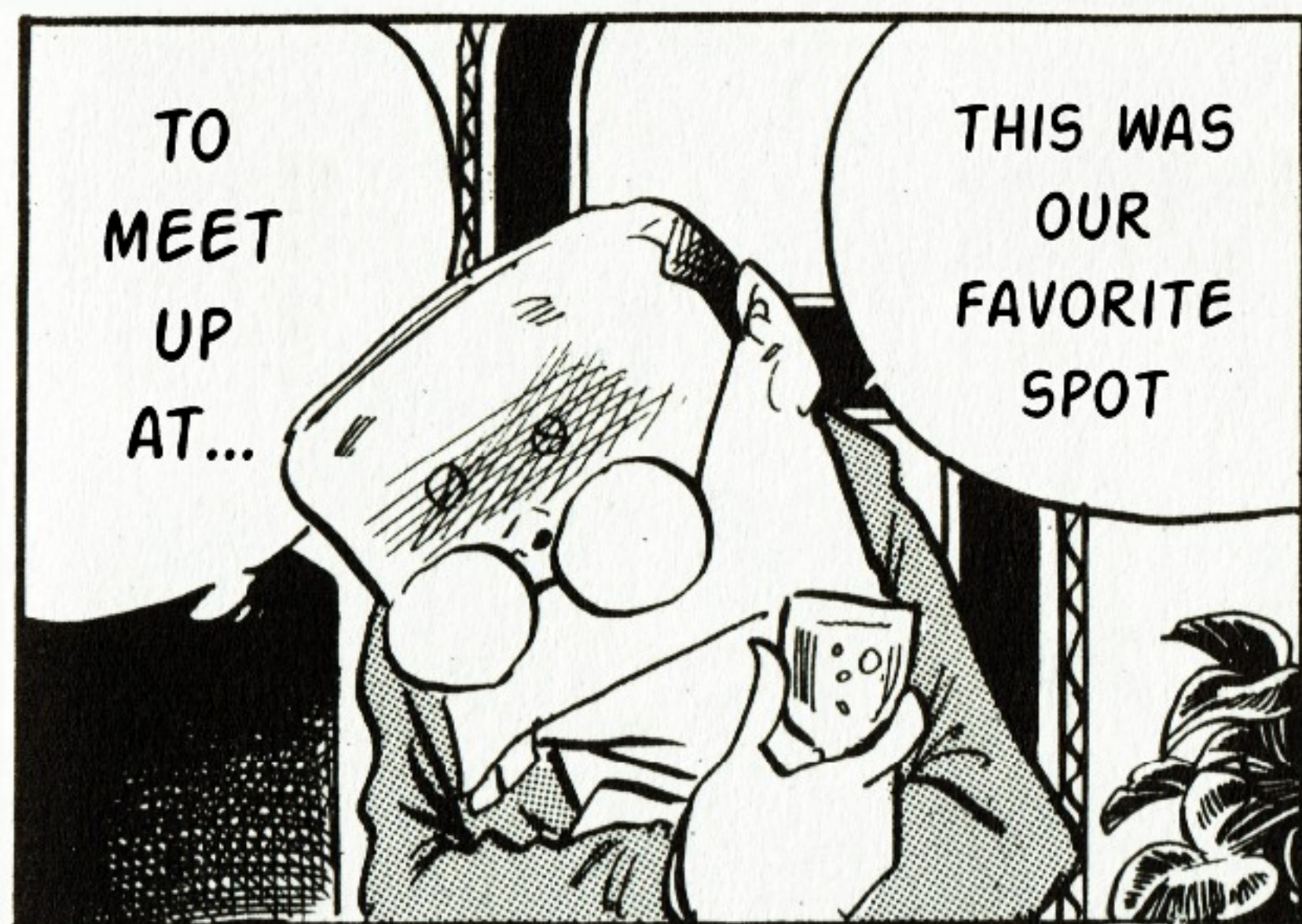
THE MORE I
SPEND TIME WITH
NEZUMI-CHAN...

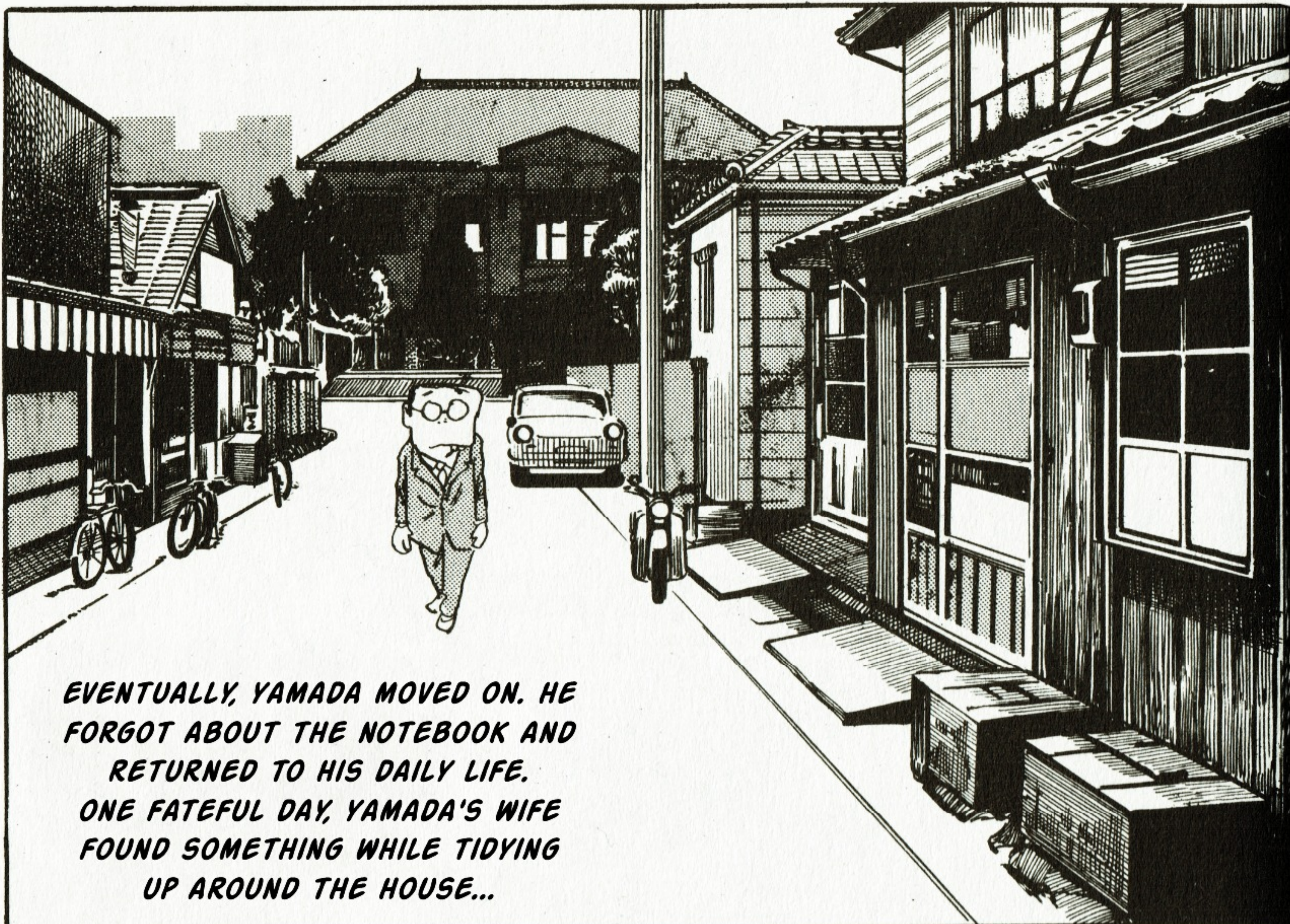




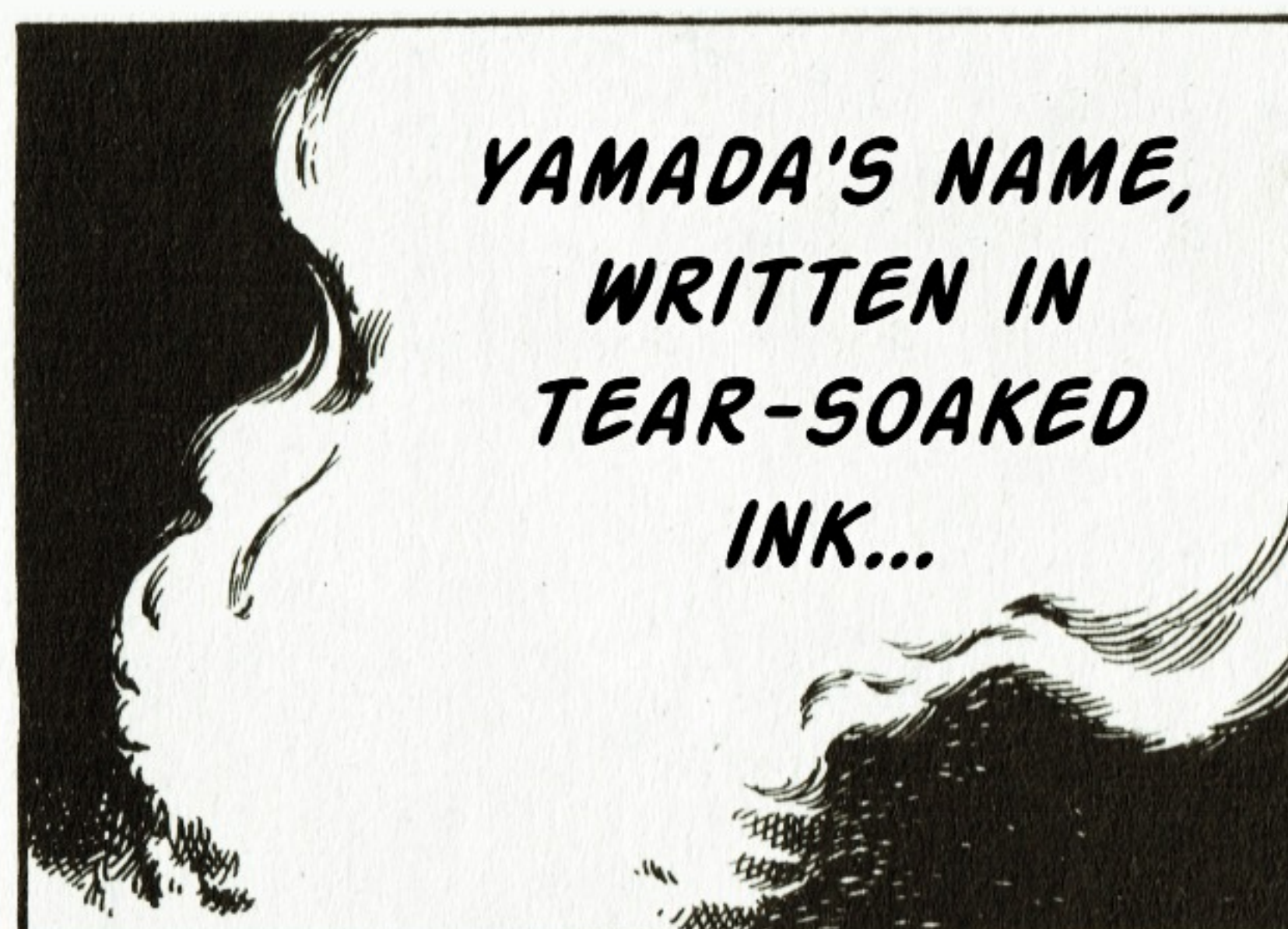
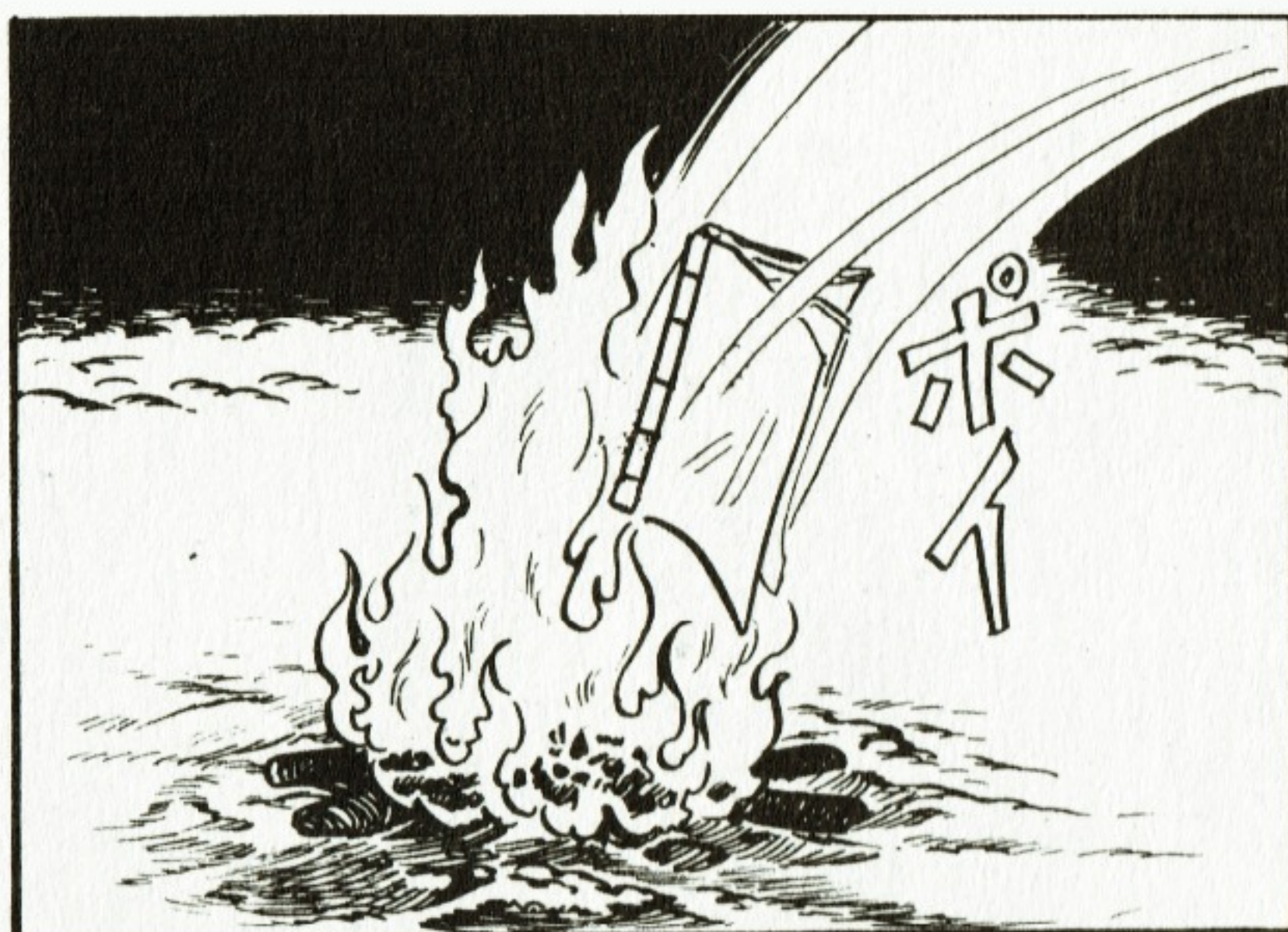






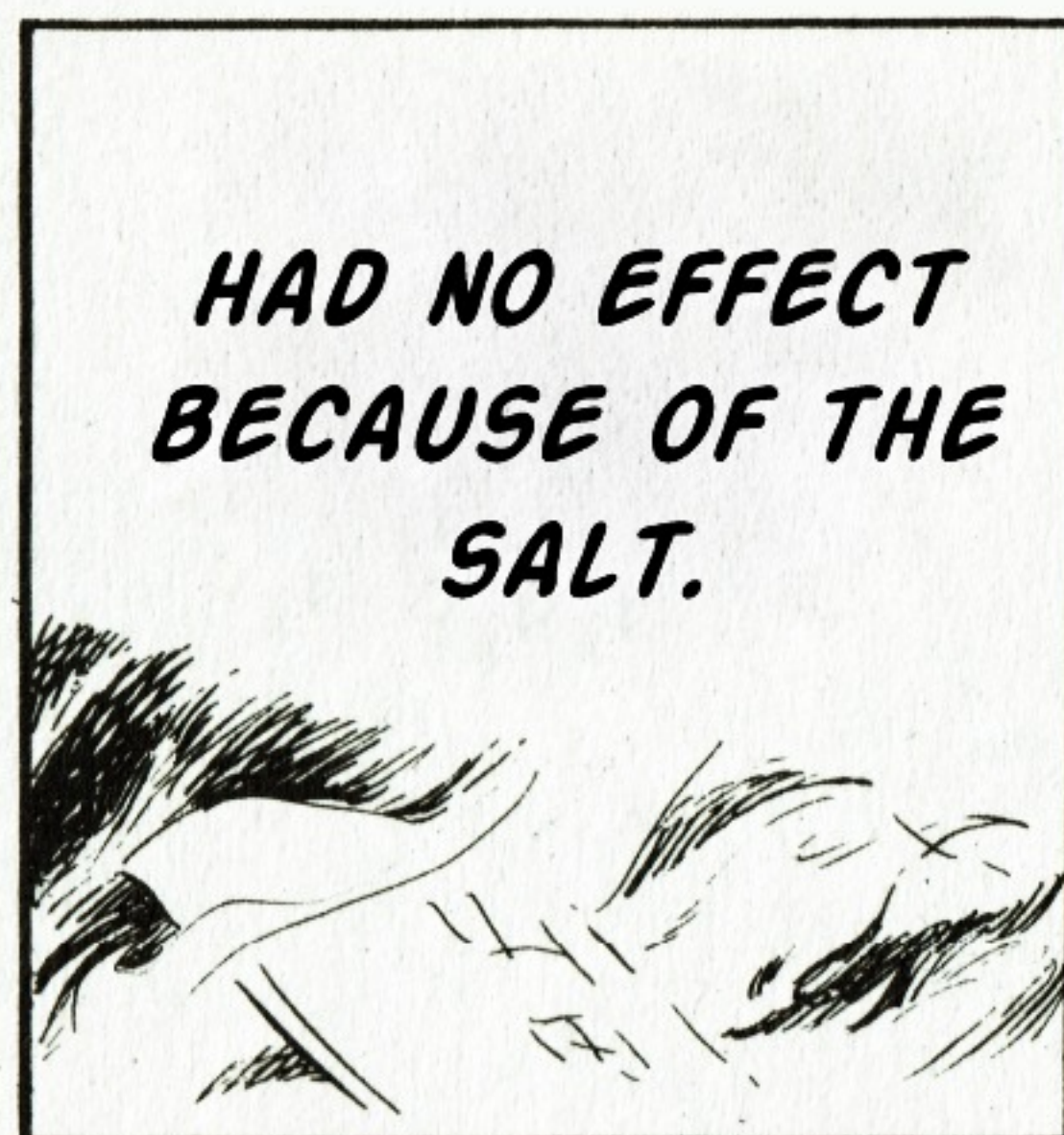


**EVENTUALLY, YAMADA MOVED ON. HE
FORGOT ABOUT THE NOTEBOOK AND
RETURNED TO HIS DAILY LIFE.
ONE FATEFUL DAY, YAMADA'S WIFE
FOUND SOMETHING WHILE TIDYING
UP AROUND THE HOUSE...**

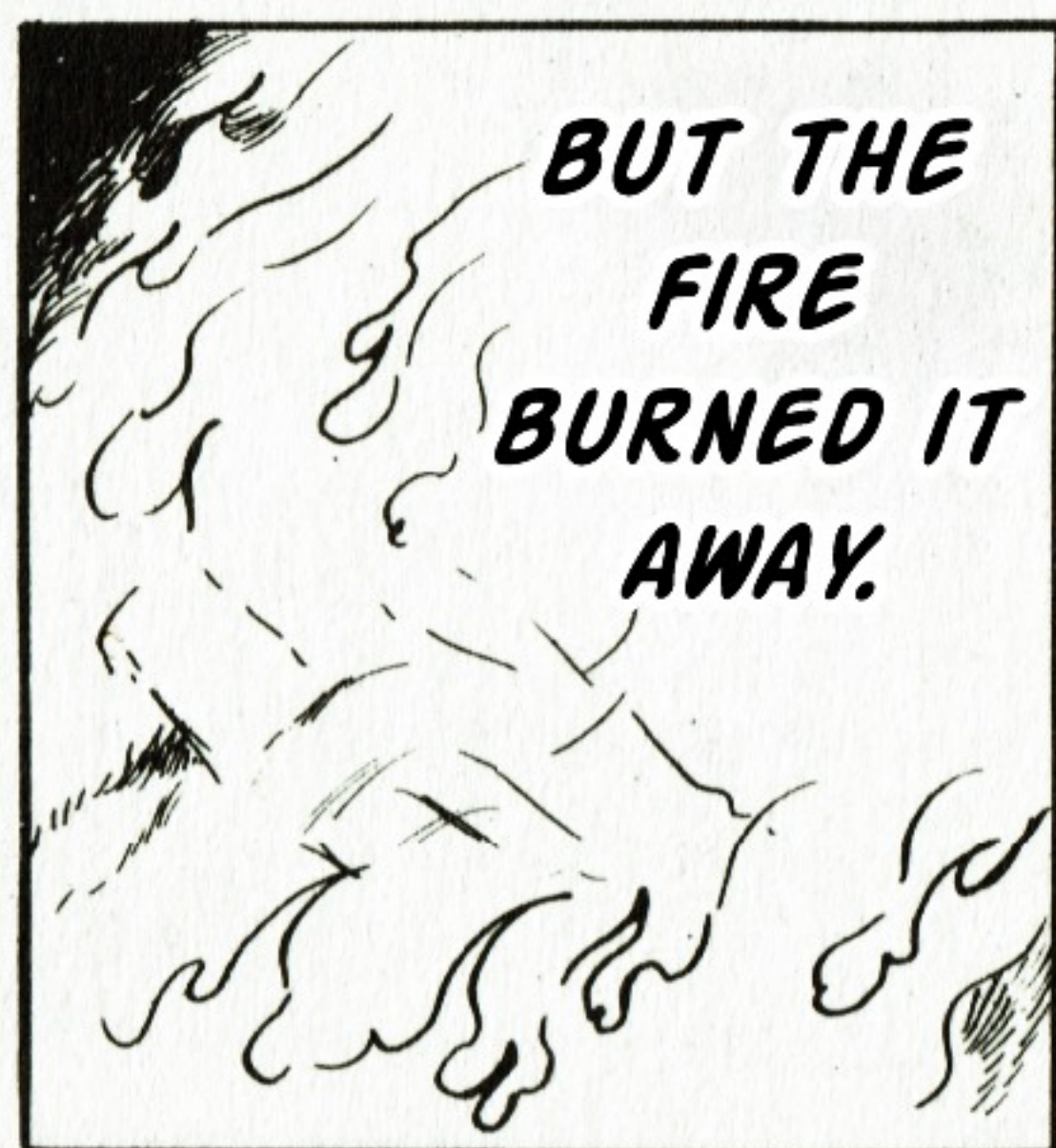




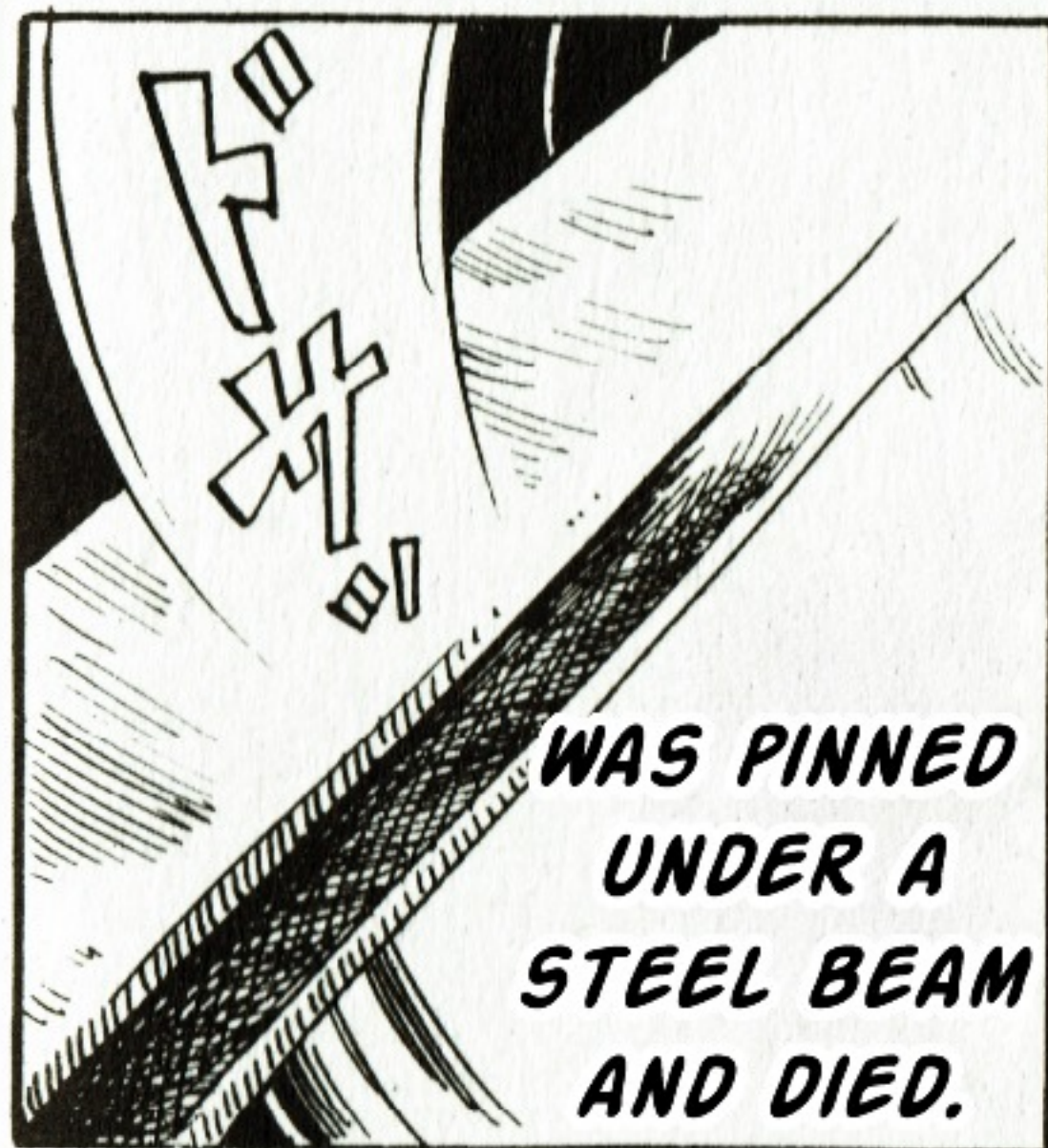
**BEFORE HE
HAD A CHANCE
TO REALIZE**



**HAD NO EFFECT
BECAUSE OF THE
SALT.**



**BUT THE
FIRE
BURNED IT
AWAY.**



**WAS PINNED
UNDER A
STEEL BEAM
AND DIED.**



**SUCH IS
FATE, WHEN
DEALING
WITH THE
MIRACULOUS
NOTE-
BOOK...**



**YAMADA, WHO
WAS WALKING
NEAR A
CONSTRUCT-
ION SITE**